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Overview

In September through November of 2012, the Iowa Department of Public Health (IDPH) collaborated with schools in Iowa to conduct the 2012 Iowa Youth Survey (IYS). The 2012 IYS is the fourteenth in a series of surveys that have been completed every two or three years since 1975. The survey is conducted with students in grades 6, 8, and 11 attending Iowa public and private schools. The IYS includes questions about students' behaviors, attitudes, and beliefs, as well as their perceptions of peer, family, school, neighborhood, and community environments over time. In addition to the 2012 Area Education Agency (AEA) Trend reports, multiple IYS yearly and trend reports are also publicly available on the IYS website: www.iowayouthsurvey.iowa.gov.

Objective

The 2012 Iowa Youth Survey trend reports are designed to help state-level planners, community agencies, and school personnel identify youth development needs, implement relevant targeted interventions, and assess outcomes. It can also help to assess the strengths and challenges of schools, families, and communities through the years from the young person's perspective. In addition, these data can help the state obtain funding for a wide variety of programs and services. IYS trend data provide an overall view of youth for each construct; however, the data do not identify which specific areas may be most in need of improvement. The percentages of responses to the specific questions utilized in the constructs are available in the AEA Youth Survey Reports for each survey year. An analysis of the responses to each question utilized in scoring the construct would be necessary to allocate scarce resources in the most efficient manner possible. The Iowa Youth Survey has proven to be a valuable resource in youth needs assessment, program development, implementation, and outcome evaluation. Data analyzed in the 2012 Iowa Youth Survey trend reports are derived from the 2005, 2008, 2010, and 2012 Iowa Youth Surveys.

Background

Prior to 1999, surveys were given to a sample of students in 6th, 8th, 10th, and 12th grades from approximately one-third of Iowa's public school districts. In 1999, IYS participation was sought from *all* students in grades 6, 8, and 11 attending public school districts, as well as from students aged 14 to 18 years in alternative programs. This change made it possible to provide youth development data for each participating school district and each county in which participating students reside. The change also made it more feasible to use IYS results to aid in assessing outcomes of community and school youth development programs. It is important to note that the 1999 change in the grade level restricts direct comparisons with survey data collected prior to 1999, except for grades 6 and 8, in the specific schools that participated in the survey.

Beginning in 2002, IYS participation was also sought from all non-public schools. This change was made to more accurately reflect the attitudes and perceptions of all Iowa students in grades 6, 8, and 11, not just those attending public schools. Data collected from students attending non-public schools are included in the 2002 and later reports.

In 2008, a change in the method used to conduct the survey took place. All 2008 Iowa Youth Surveys were conducted via the internet and completed by students online through an electronic survey tool (SurveyMonkey) administered by Iowa Department of Administrative Services in conjunction with Iowa Department of Public Health. To ensure a smooth transition for this new procedure, an online pilot test took place in 2007 involving nine school districts.

Prior to implementation of the 2008 IYS, training for school district personnel was held to provide instruction for online IYS administration via the Iowa Communications Network (ICN). Also in 2008, the decision was made to change the IYS completion schedule from every three years to every two years. Future Iowa Youth Surveys will be completed in even numbered years, beginning with 2010.

In 2010, school district changes in funding mechanisms reduced the incentive for school districts to participate in the IYS. Due to these changes, fewer school districts initially signed up to participate.

In 2012 in an effort to reduce the amount of time it takes younger students to complete the IYS, modifications were made to the structure of the survey without changing the content. Skip questions were introduced for alcohol (B14), tobacco (B28), and marijuana use (B36), as well as gambling (B47) and suicidal ideations (B61, B62, and B63). This change, if all skip outs are selected, would reduce the survey length by 34 questions. When a “no” response to a skip question is selected, all questions corresponding to this section are classified with null responses (No, Never, etc.) as well.

2005, 2008, 2010, and 2012 Iowa Youth Surveys

Profile of Participation

Reorganization of AEAs in Iowa has occurred since 2005; therefore, data in the 2012 AEA IYS Trend reports reflect the current composition of AEAs and may differ from previous AEA IYS reports. Records from public school districts that have merged with other school districts, as well as from districts that have dissolved, are included with the data from the AEA of the district that received the largest proportion of the former district’s enrollment. Consistent with previous AEA IYS reports, only records from public schools are included in AEA data; however, there may be some records from non-public schools that were submitted using a public school district number. These non-public records could not be identified and are included with the public school data.

School district and non-public school participation has trended downward from 2008 to 2012. Not all public school districts and non-public schools participated in the IYS at the four data collection points (2005, 2008, 2010, and 2012). Data from all public school districts that participated in at least one year of the IYS are included in this report and data in this report assume each record represents one student. In general, the higher the percentage of students completing the IYS in an AEA, the more likely the data are representative of all students in grades 6, 8, and 11 attending school in that AEA.

Survey Content

The Iowa Youth Survey is divided into seven sections (A-G).

- Section A. Demographic Characteristics
- Section B. Things I Have Tried or Done and Things That Have Happened To Me
- Section C. My Beliefs and Attitudes
- Section D. Peer Questions
- Section E. School Questions
- Section F. Family Questions
- Section G. Community Questions

A committee of youth development professionals was designated by IDPH to review and make recommendations regarding the survey questions. The selection of specific survey questions each year was based on analysis of question and response data collected in previous Iowa Youth Surveys. The appropriateness of any comparison of IYS data in 2005, 2008, 2010, and 2012 must be considered on a question by question basis. The general content of the questions and response options included in the IYS at the four survey points is very similar, however changes have occurred. For example, new questions were added each year and several questions have been removed through the years. Additionally, wording changes to questions and responses have occurred to elicit additional, more detailed information.

Data

Data Interpretation

Due to changes in survey content of the IYS each year, trend analyses should be considered exploratory at best. If comparisons are made, the results may indicate that students *appear* to be significantly different, for better or worse, from the data generated by previous surveys. However, this appearance may be due to differences in question wording and the representativeness of the sample rather than actual changes in Iowa's youth.

When the key youth development-related constructs were developed, the intention was that the questions utilized to measure the constructs would remain identical through the survey years, however, changes have occurred. In 2012, significant question changes occurred that resulted in the elimination of eight constructs: School Perceived to be Safe; Alcohol/Drug Free Places Available; No Current (past 30 days) Alcohol Use; Substance Use Risk Awareness; Self-Esteem; Peer Pressure Resistance; Positive Work Ethic; and Do School Adults Stop Bullying. These changes also resulted in the elimination of the Youth Prepared For A Productive Adulthood domain.

In addition to the changes in survey content, differences in data gathering procedures and methods could have an effect on comparisons made between the years. Differences include but are not limited to procedural irregularities across school districts during IYS administration and the online administration of the 2008, 2010, and 2012 IYS.

Since every school district did not collect data from every student, home schooled students may not have been surveyed and not all public school districts and non-public schools participated in the IYS at the four data collection points. Therefore, it is possible that the students who completed the IYS are not representative of all students in Iowa. Additionally, IYS data do not represent youth who may have dropped out of school. It is unknown what biases non-participating youth might introduce into the state report percentages. The Iowa Youth Survey is self-reported data and relies on each student's ability to read and honestly respond to each question. Additionally, since the 2008, 2010, and 2012 IYS were conducted online, a student's ability to complete the survey is also dependent on possessing basic computer skills. Self-reported behaviors, attitudes, and beliefs are always subject to error (unintentional such as mistakenly selecting the wrong response or intentional such as denial or boasting), and it is not possible to identify records where this occurs. Additionally, some surveys contained missing data indicating that not all students answered every question. There are many potential reasons for missing data and why a student may choose not to answer a particular question including comprehension level (understanding survey language); confidentiality concerns; refusal to provide an answer resulting from lack of interest or motivation; beliefs and attitudes about the subject of the question; or inadvertently skipping a question. In general, the higher

the proportion of students participating, the more likely the survey results are representative and without bias.

It is also important to note that a low percentage of students scoring positively on a particular construct is not necessarily a cause for excessive concern. An unfavorable response to only one question in a multi-question construct will result in a low positive score, however every other question utilized in the construct may have had favorable student responses. Conversely, a high proportion of students scoring positively on all questions is encouraging, however, not indicative that there is not room for improvement in the youth development need represented by the construct. The percentages of responses to specific questions utilized in the constructs are presented in the AEA Iowa Youth Survey Reports.

Due to the varying number of students in AEAs and within each subgroup, small differences in percents can often be statistically significant. In previous IYS trend reports, it was suggested that differences of one percentage point or greater be considered meaningful. However, conservative analyses in 2008, 2010, and 2012 confirmed that significance levels vary depending upon the size of the groups being compared. Larger groups may show significant change at differences less than 1 percentage point and smaller groups may require differences greater than 1 percentage point to indicate significance.

Confidentiality

Since AEA IYS Trend reports present data from fewer students than the State of Iowa IYS Trend report, several steps were taken to protect confidentiality. While there is no way for an individual student to be connected with his or her particular responses, there are circumstances in which all or nearly all students may be connected to a particular behavior or attitude. This may increase the likelihood of someone making inferences about individual students from the data. For example, if all 11th graders in an AEA reported that they used alcohol, essentially every 11th grade student can be identified as using alcohol. Therefore, certain questions and accompanying responses, such as past thirty day use of alcohol, were identified as sensitive. For this subset of questions, any time 10% or fewer of the students do not respond in the *least* sensitive manner, the response data for constructs that utilize these questions will not be reported. For example, if 90% or more of the students responded that they used alcohol in the past 30 days, bars in construct figures for that population will not be present. Additionally, when the total number of students responding to a question is small, it may be easier to make an assumption about how a particular student or group of students might have responded. Therefore, any time 15 or fewer students responded to a particular question, bars in the construct figures for that subgroup will not be present. Additionally, construct bars are not shown when data presentation may allow for calculation of the protected subgroup's data.

Data Presentation

A committee of State planners participated in an interactive process to identify key youth development-related constructs that provide a summary of the data collected within nine framework domains. Thirty-four constructs and accompanying measures (questions derived from the IYS) were originally identified. Changes made to questions on the 2010 IYS resulted in the elimination of eight constructs, and another eight constructs were eliminated in 2012. The 2012 IYS trend reports presents data collected in 2005, 2008, 2010, and 2012 for the remaining 18 constructs.

Construct Figures

The data for constructs are combined and presented in eight domains on pages 7 through 49. The first figure presents the data for all validated records for each construct within the domain (when the domain is comprised of more than one construct). Following this, two figures present response data for each construct. The first figure presents totals for the AEA, grade, and gender; the second figure presents gender by grade. Results are reported with the green shaded portion of the bar (on the left) representing the percent of participants who responded favorably to all of the questions involved in computing a particular construct. The red shaded portion of the bar (on the right) represents the percent of participants who responded unfavorably to at least one question associated with that construct. The bars are presented in groups of four, with the top bar representing 2005 survey results, followed by 2008, 2010, and 2012. Due to rounding, percentages may not add up to exactly 100%. A list of questions and responses associated with each construct follows the construct figure. Unless noted, all response options for questions in each construct were the same.

In accordance with computations in previous IYS reports, percentages in all of the construct figures are based on the number of students who answered the respective questions for each particular construct. Records containing missing response data for any question were not included in the constructs.

A listing of the framework domains and constructs is presented in Table 1 found on the following page.

Table 1. IYS Domains and Constructs

IOWA YOUTH DEVELOPMENT RESULTS FRAMEWORK DOMAINS AND CONSTRUCTS
SECURE AND SUPPORTIVE FAMILY
Positive Family Relationships
Family Involvement and Support
Parental/Guardian Boundaries
SAFE AND SUPPORTIVE SCHOOL CLIMATE
School Expectations/Boundaries
Safe (Nonviolent) School Environment
School Staff/Student Support
Positive Student Norms
Social Pressure to Use Substances Limited
SAFE AND SUPPORTIVE COMMUNITY
Youth Access to Substances Limited
Safe Neighborhood
Supportive Neighborhood
HEALTHY YOUTH — AVOIDANCE OF RISKY BEHAVIOR
Violent/Aggressive Behavior Avoidance
SOCIALLY COMPETENT YOUTH
Empathy
Self-Confidence
Acceptance of Diversity
Positive Values
YOUTH SUCCESSFUL IN SCHOOL
Commitment to School/Learning
YOUTH PREPARED FOR A PRODUCTIVE ADULthood
BULLYING
Bullying

Additional Information

To obtain more detail regarding Iowa Youth Survey procedures or for answers to general questions, please visit: www.iowayouthsurvey.iowa.gov. For additional information, use the "Contact Us" link found in the upper right corner of this page. While resources are limited, every effort will be made to promptly respond to requests.

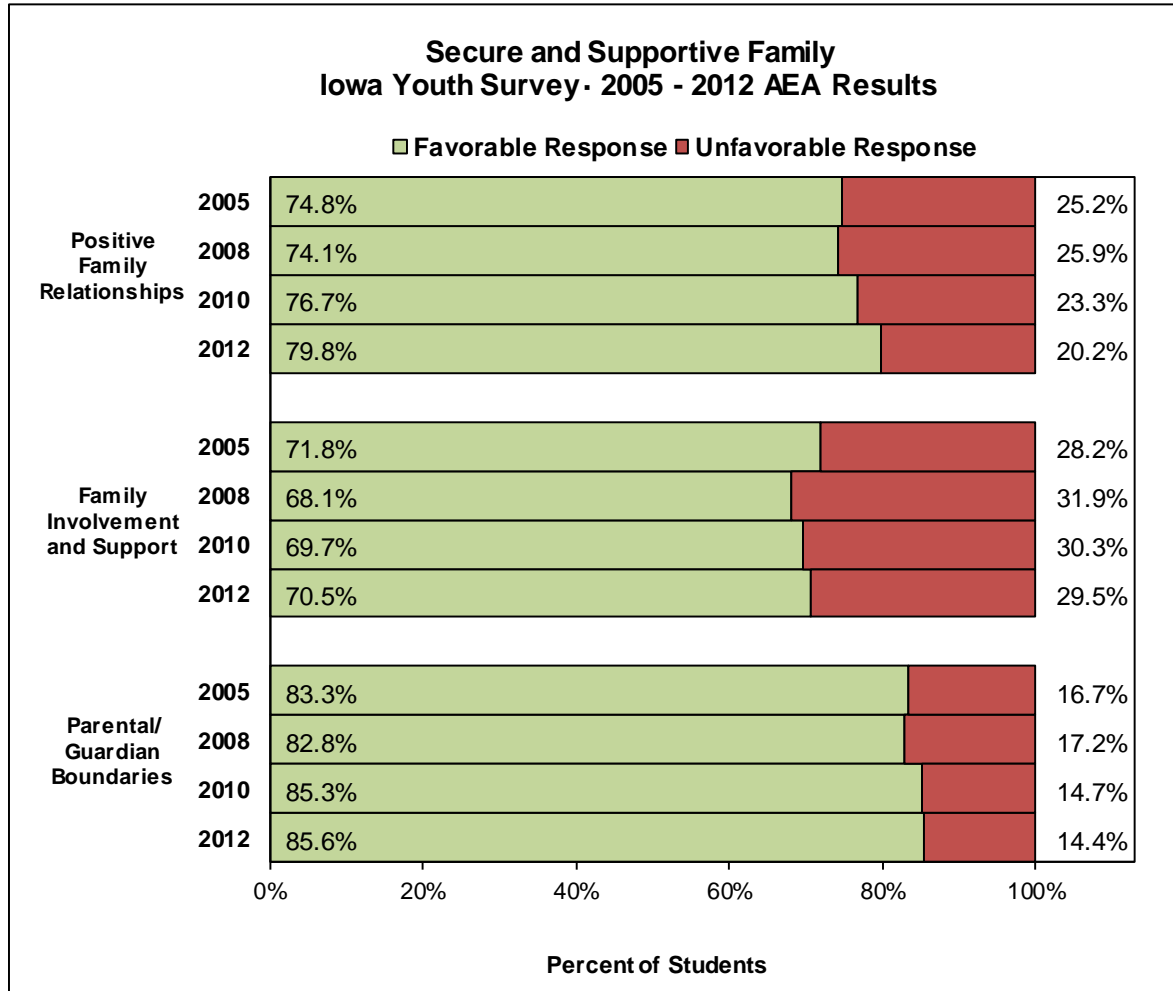
Construct Trends

Domain I: Secure and Supportive Family

The three constructs within the Secure and Supportive Family Domain are:

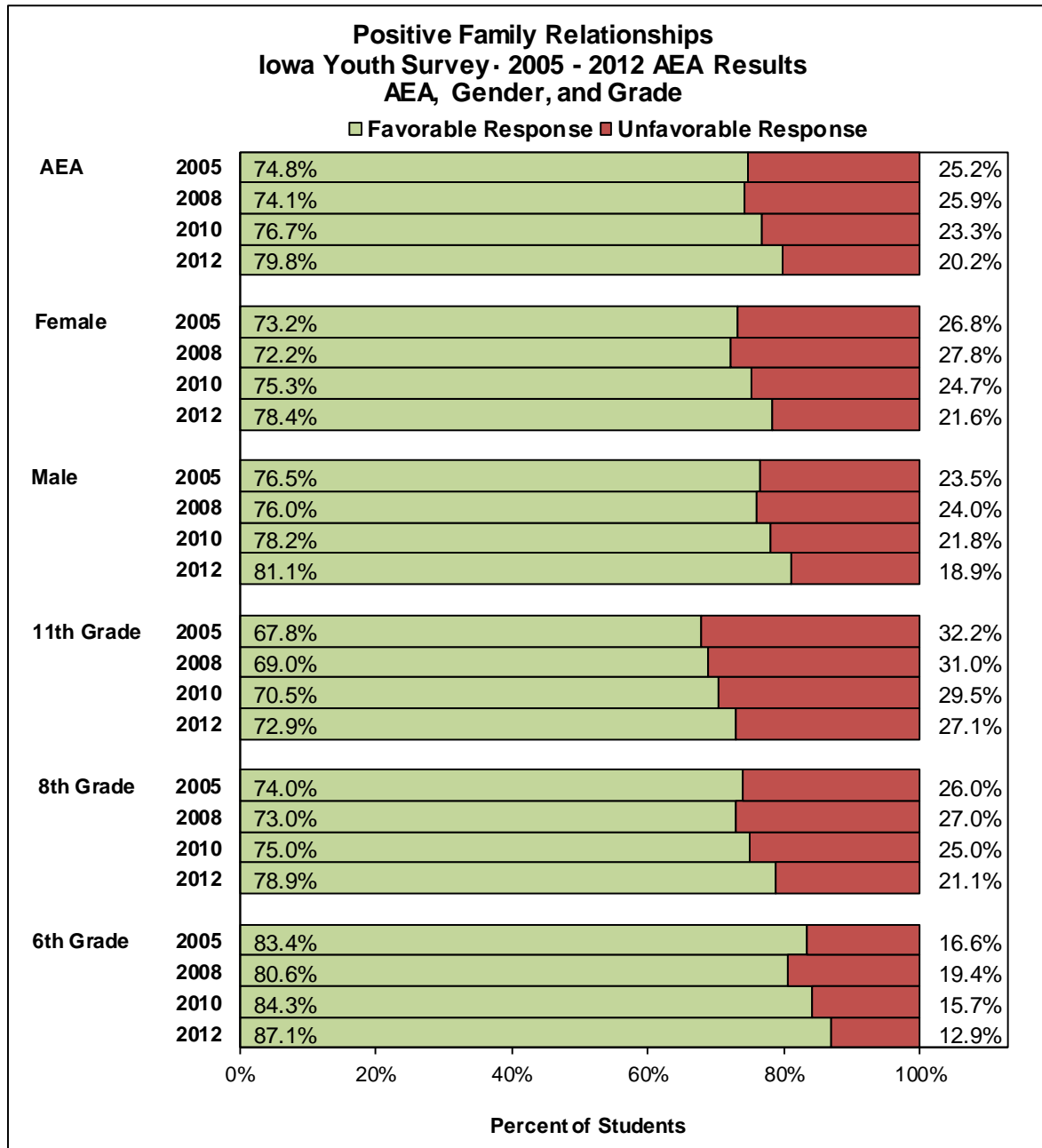
- Positive Family Relationships
- Family Involvement and Support
- Parental/Guardian Boundaries

Figure 1. Secure and Supportive Family Domain



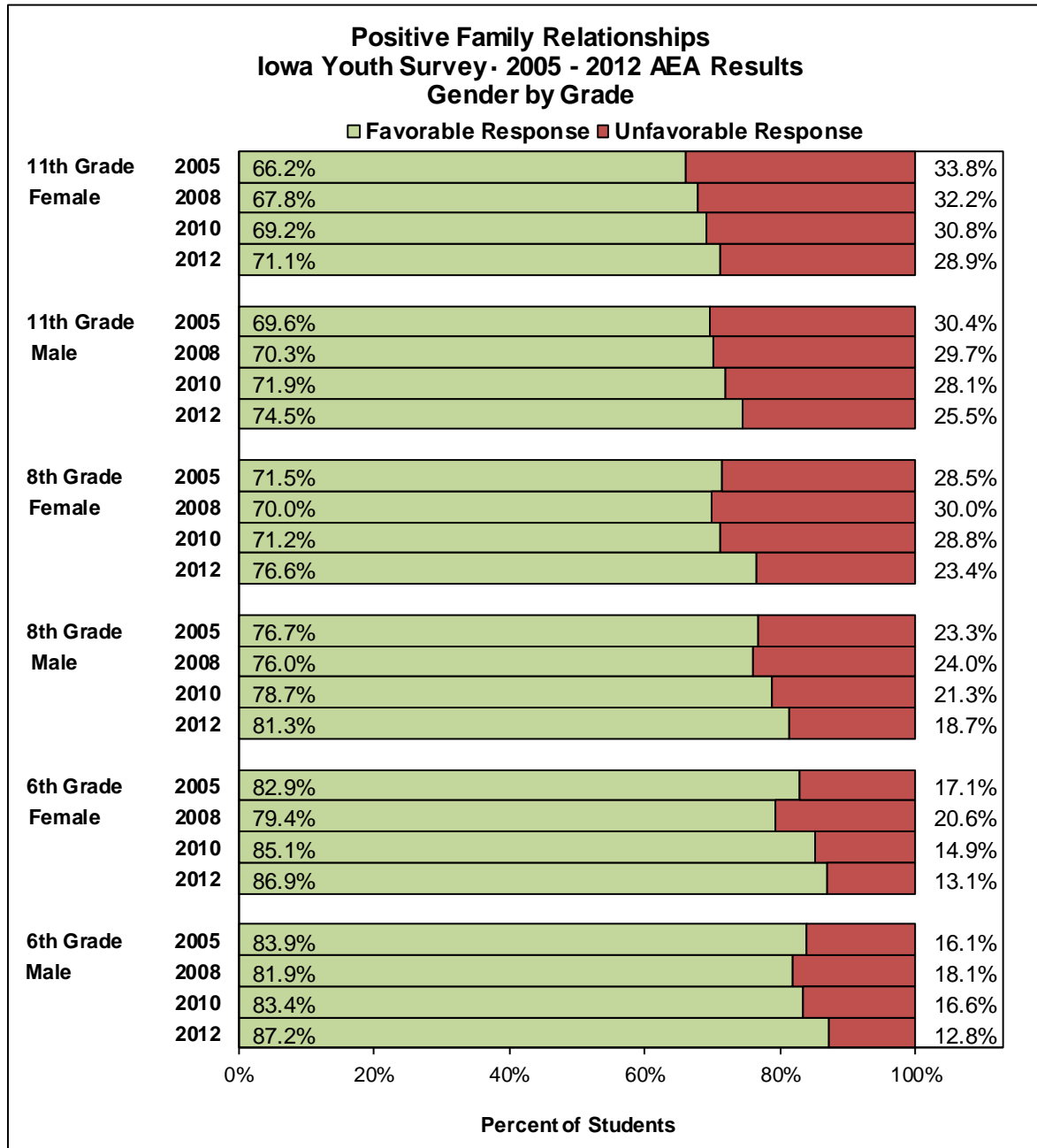
Positive Family Relationships

Figure 2a. Positive Family Relationships Construct: AEA, Gender, Grade



Four IYS questions are utilized in this construct: How much do you agree or disagree that each of the following statements is true: I have a happy home; I feel very close to at least one of my parents/guardians; I can talk about the things that bother me or I don't understand with someone in my home; I can get help and support when I need it from someone in my home? *Response Coding:* "Strongly agree" or "agree" are coded as favorable and "strongly disagree" or "disagree" are coded as unfavorable.

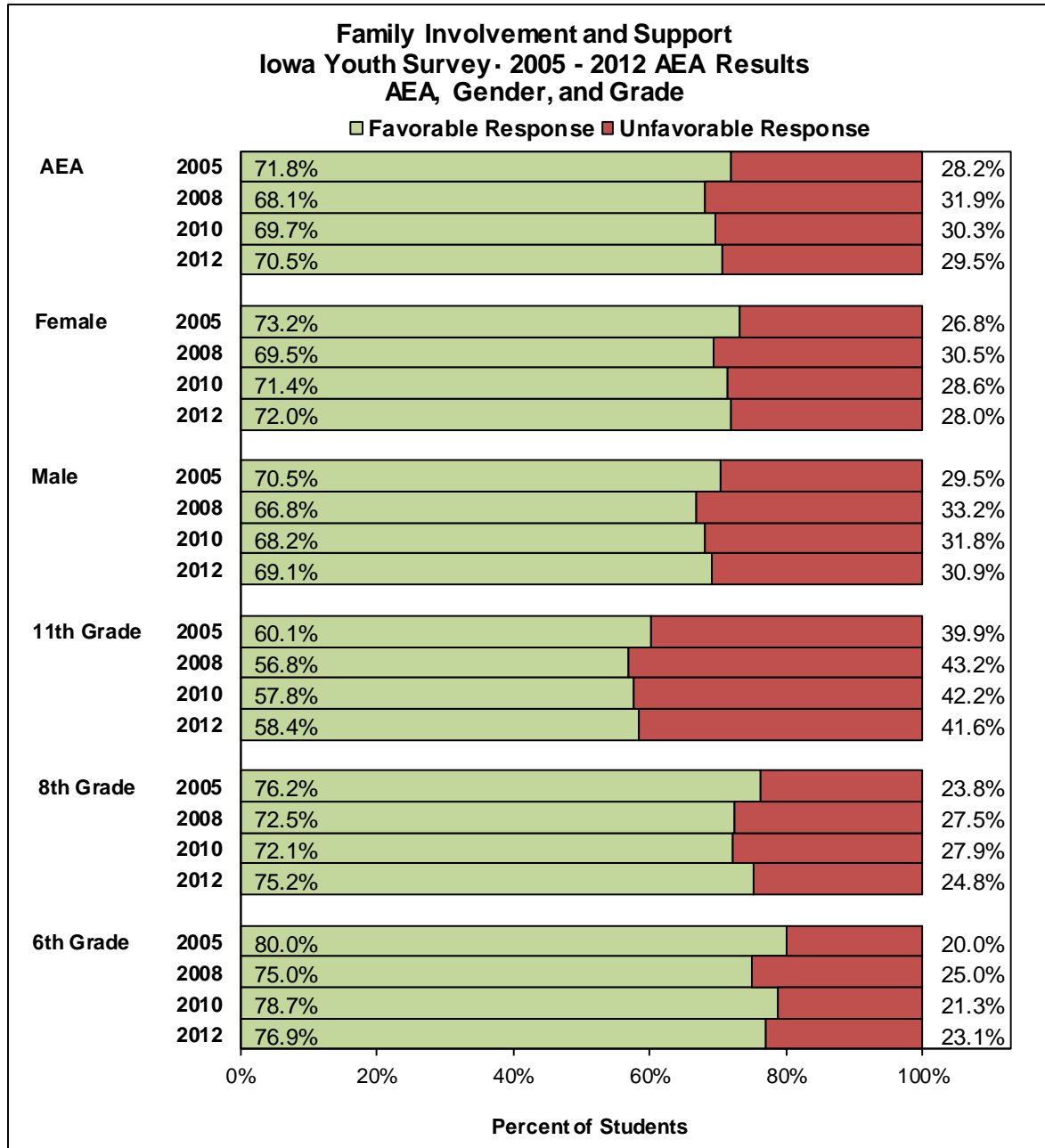
Figure 2b. Positive Family Relationships Construct: Gender by Grade



Four IYS questions are utilized in this construct: How much do you agree or disagree that each of the following statements is true: I have a happy home; I feel very close to at least one of my parents/guardians; I can talk about the things that bother me or I don't understand with someone in my home; I can get help and support when I need it from someone in my home? Response Coding: "Strongly agree" or "agree" are coded as favorable and "strongly disagree" or "disagree" are coded as unfavorable.

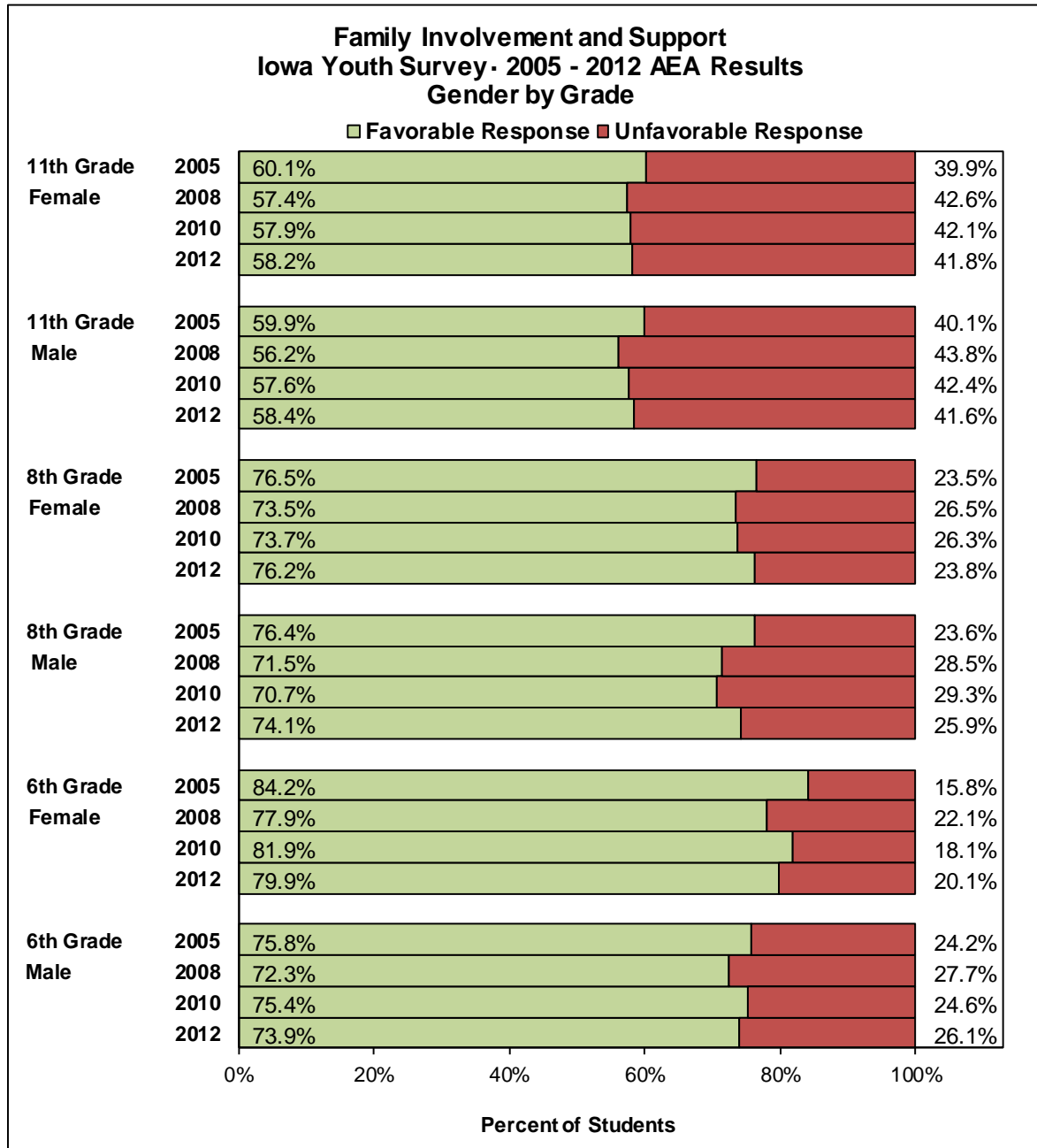
Family Involvement and Support

Figure 3a. Family Involvement and Support Construct: AEA, Gender, Grade



Six IYS questions are utilized in this construct: How often do the following occur: a parent/guardian knows where I am and who I am with, especially in the evening and on weekends; a parent/guardian checks to make sure I have done the things I am supposed to do (school homework, household chores, get home on time, etc.); a parent/guardian generally finds out if I have done something wrong, and then punishes me; when I am doing a good job, someone in my home lets me know about it; someone in my home helps me with my schoolwork; at least one of my parents/guardians goes to school activities that I am involved in? *Response Coding:* "Always," "often," or "sometimes" are coded as favorable and "never" is coded as unfavorable.

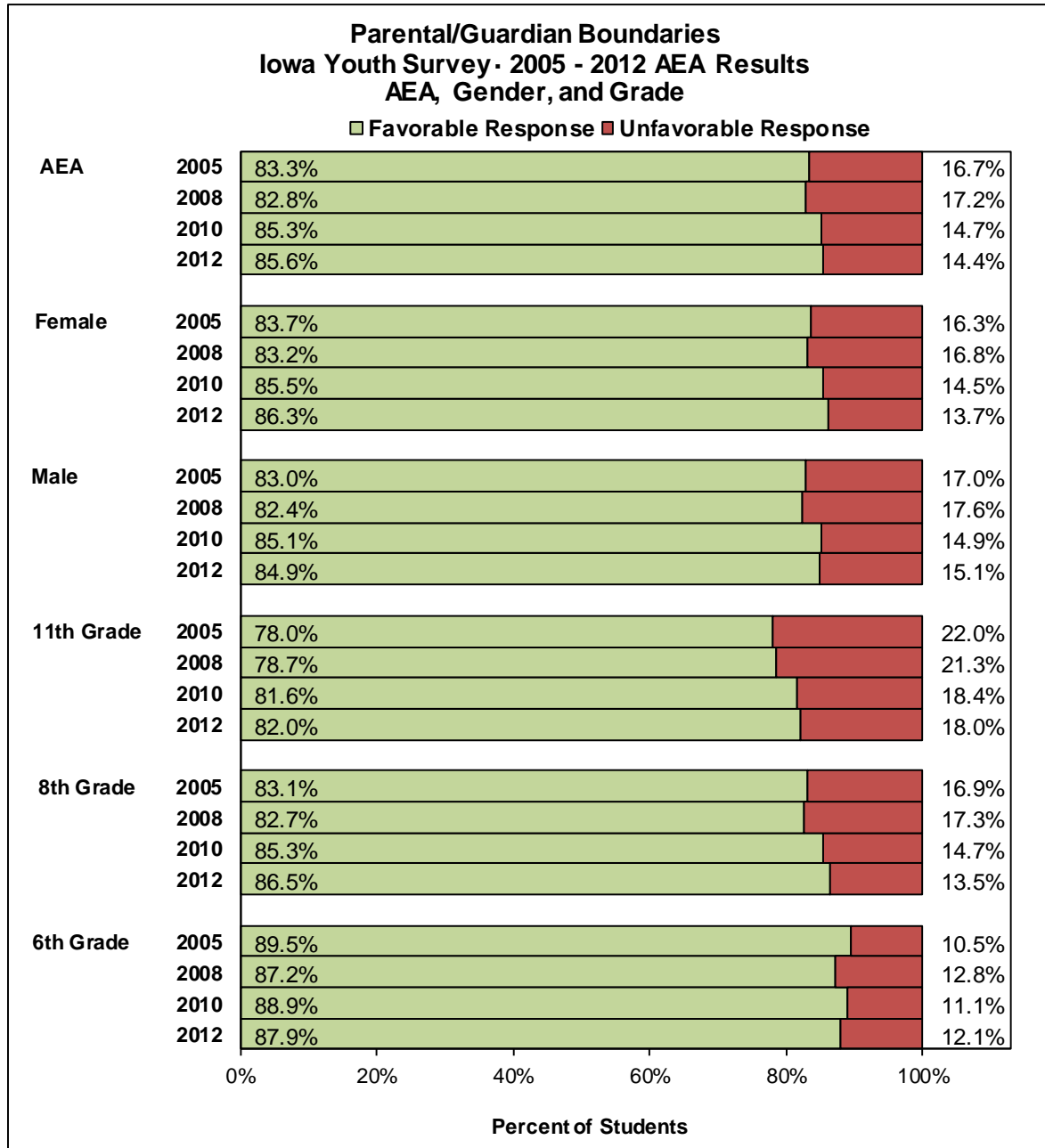
Figure 3b. Family Involvement and Support Construct: Gender by Grade



Six IYS questions are utilized in this construct: How often do the following occur: a parent/guardian knows where I am and who I am with, especially in the evening and on weekends; a parent/guardian checks to make sure I have done the things I am supposed to do (school homework, household chores, get home on time, etc.); a parent/guardian generally finds out if I have done something wrong, and then punishes me; when I am doing a good job, someone in my home lets me know about it; someone in my home helps me with my schoolwork; at least one of my parents/guardians goes to school activities that I am involved in? *Response Coding:* "Always," "often," or "sometimes" are coded as favorable and "never" is coded as unfavorable.

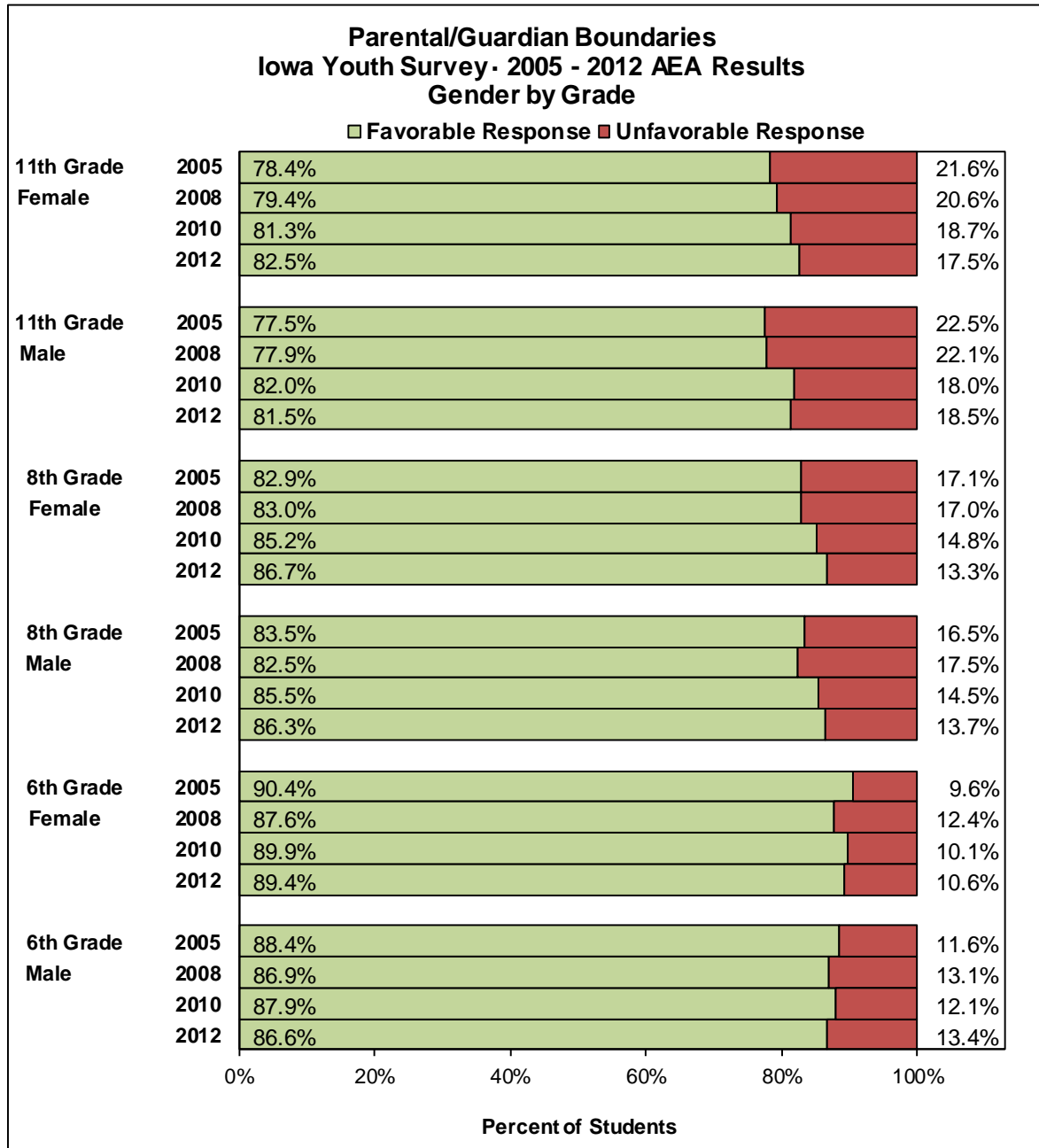
Parental/Guardian Boundaries

Figure 4a. Parental/Guardian Boundaries Construct: AEA, Gender, Grade



Two IYS questions are utilized in this construct: How much do you agree or disagree that each of the following statements is true: In my school, if I got in trouble at school for breaking a rule, at least one of my parents/guardians would support the school's disciplinary action; in my home there are clear rules about what I can and cannot do? Response coding: "Strongly agree" or "agree" are coded as favorable and "strongly disagree" or "disagree" are coded as unfavorable.

Figure 4b. Parental/Guardian Boundaries Construct: Gender by Grade



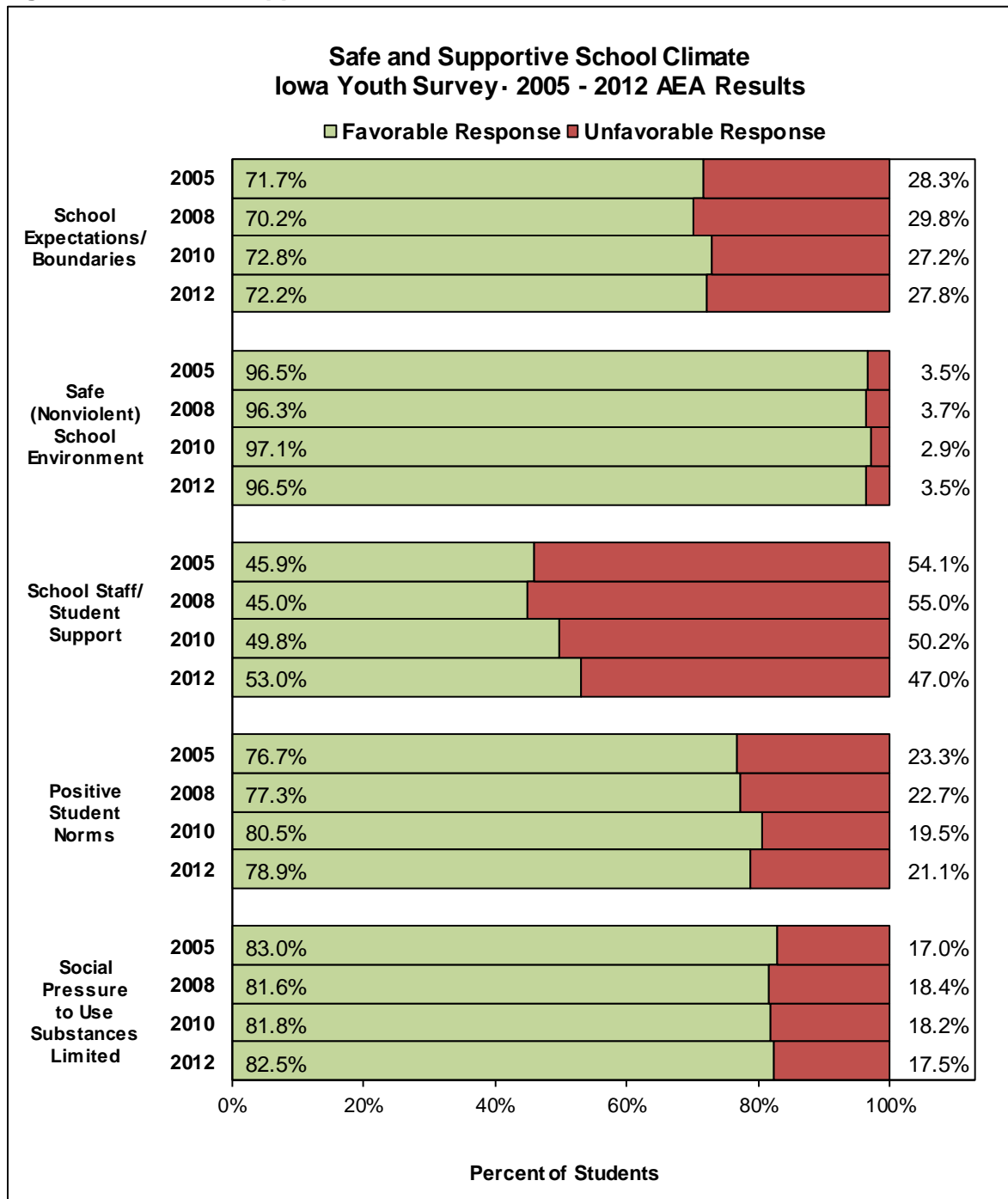
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Domain II: Safe and Supportive School Climate

Due to question changes in the 2012 survey, one construct in this domain has been removed. The School Perceived to be Safe construct was included in this domain in previous trend reports. The five constructs within the Safe and Supportive School Climate Domain (Figure 5 displayed on the following page) are:

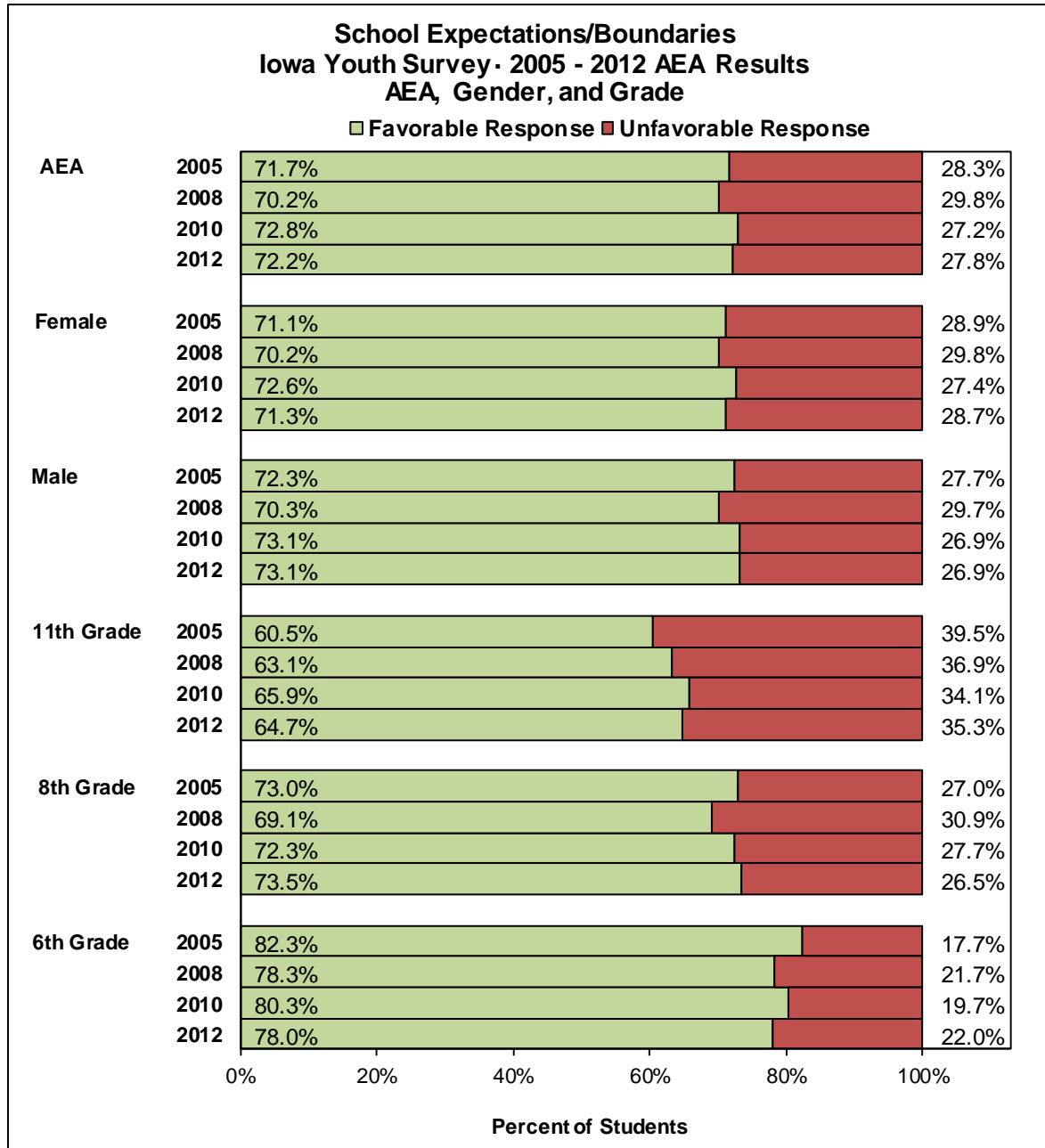
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- Safe (Nonviolent) School Environment
- School Staff/Student Support
- Positive Student Norms
- Social Pressure to Use Substances Limited

Figure 5. Safe and Supportive School Climate Domain



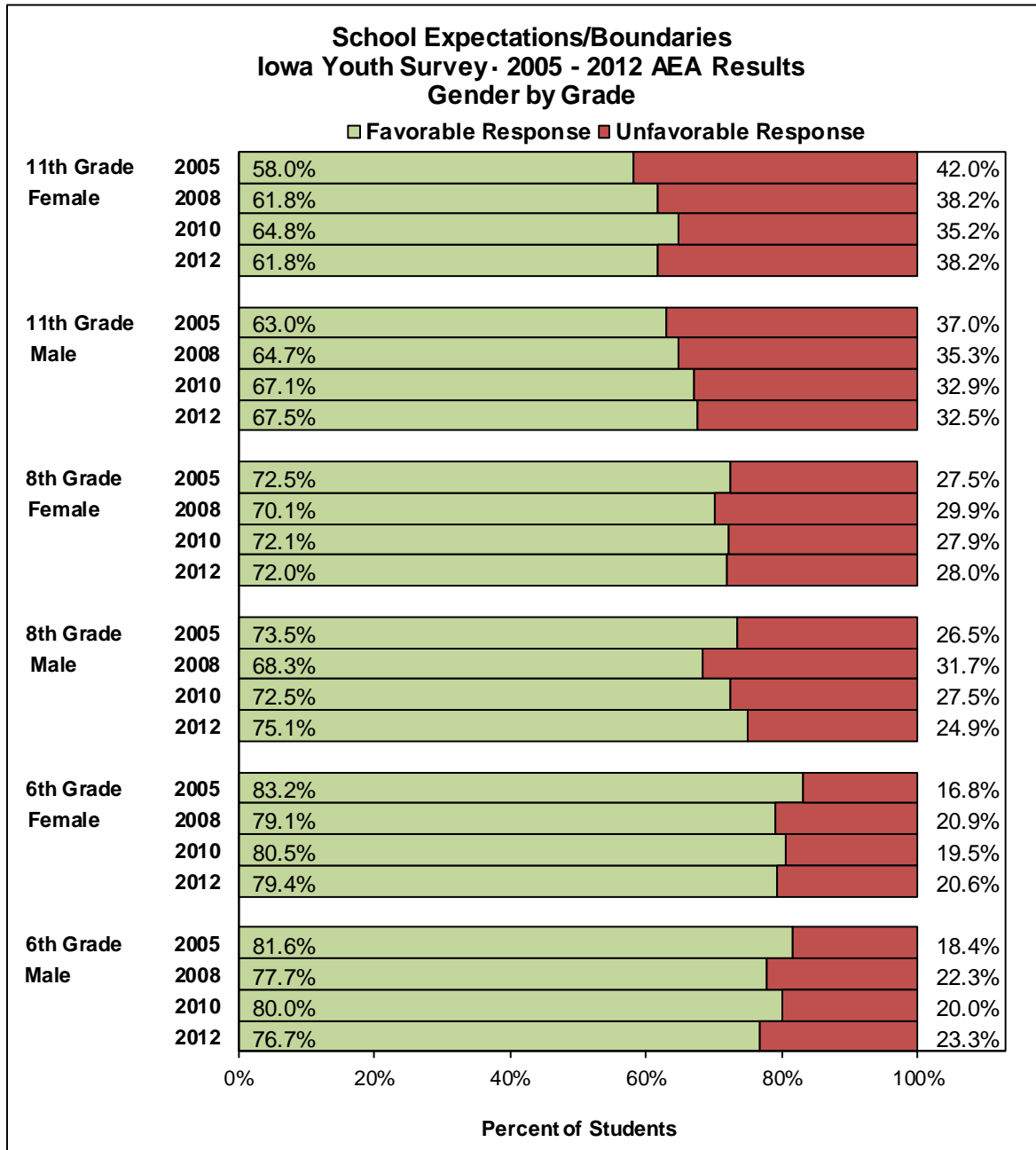
School Expectations/Boundaries

Figure 6a. School Expectations/Boundaries Construct: AEA, Gender, Grade



Five IYS questions are utilized in this construct: How much do you agree or disagree that each of the following statements is true: In my school there are clear rules about what students can and cannot do; in my school the school principal and teachers consistently enforce school rules; in my school if I skipped school at least one of my parents/guardians would be notified; in my school students caught drinking, smoking, or using an illegal drug are not allowed to participate in any extracurricular activity for some time period; my school lets a parent/guardian know if I've done something wrong? *Response coding:* "Strongly agree" or "agree" are coded as favorable and "strongly disagree" or "disagree" are coded as unfavorable.

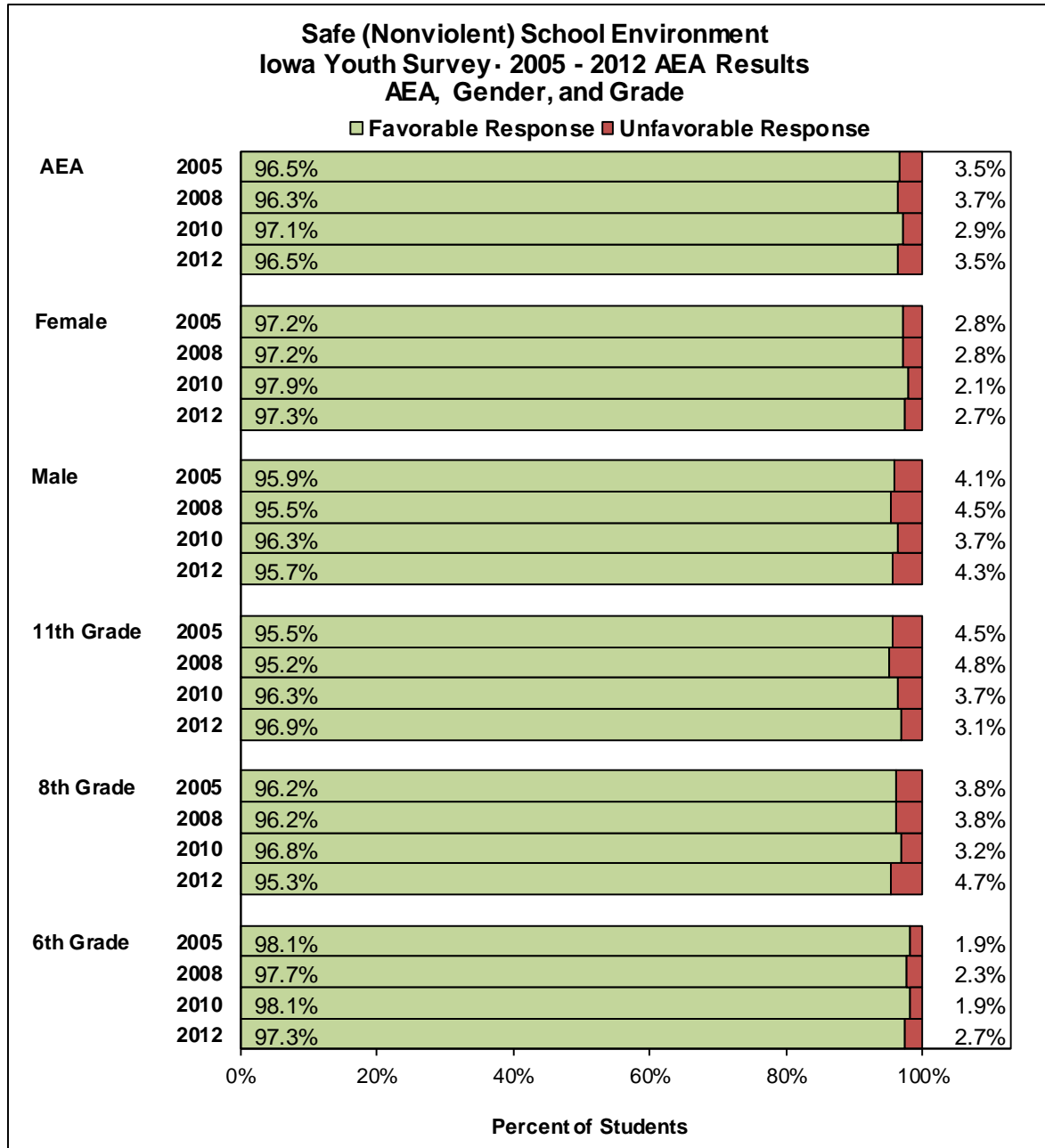
Figure 6b. School Expectations/Boundaries Construct: Gender by Grade



Five IYS questions are utilized in this construct: How much do you agree or disagree that each of the following statements is true: In my school there are clear rules about what students can and cannot do; in my school the school principal and teachers consistently enforce school rules; in my school if I skipped school at least one of my parents/guardians would be notified; in my school students caught drinking, smoking, or using an illegal drug are not allowed to participate in any extracurricular activity for some time period; my school lets a parent/guardian know if I've done something wrong? *Response coding:* "Strongly agree" or "agree" are coded as favorable and "strongly disagree" or "disagree" are coded as unfavorable.

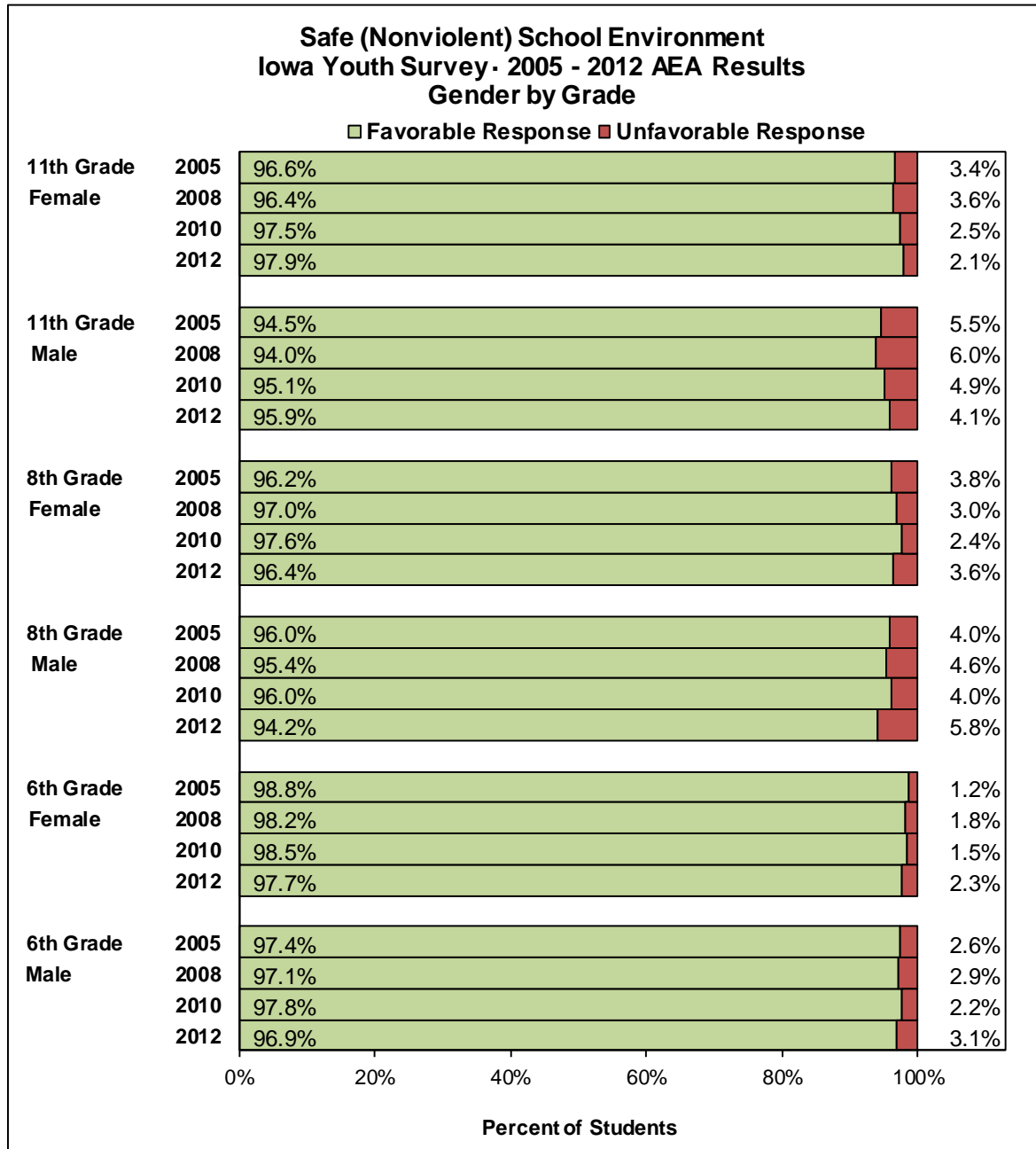
Safe (Nonviolent) School Environment

Figure 7a. Safe (Nonviolent) School Environment Construct: AEA, Gender, Grade



Two IYS questions are utilized in this construct: In the past 12 months, how often have you: had your things (clothing, books, bike, car) stolen or deliberately damaged on school property; been threatened or injured by someone with a weapon (like a gun, knife, or club) on school property? Response coding: "None" or "1 or 2 times" are coded as favorable and "3-5 times" or "6 or more times" are coded as unfavorable.

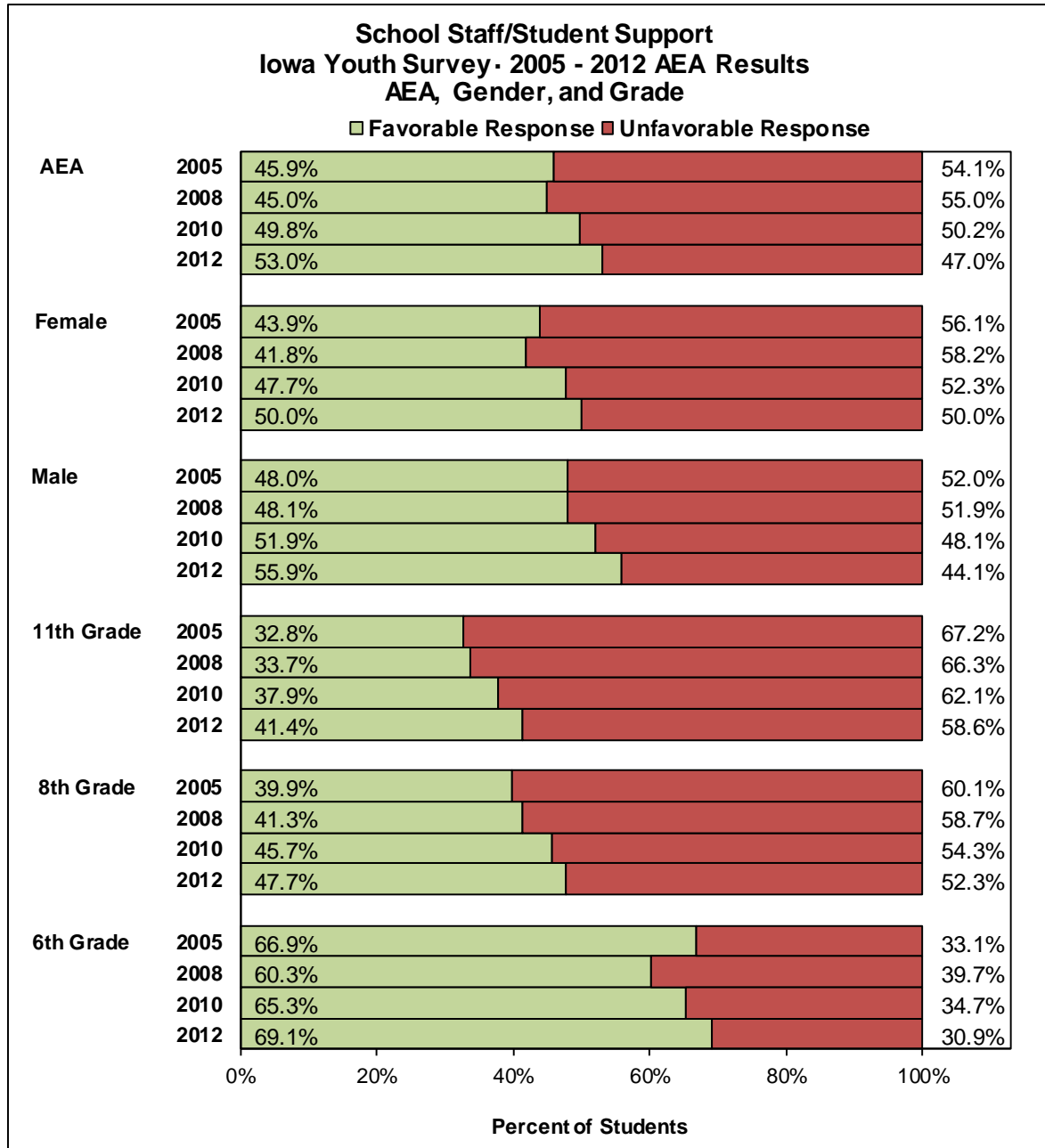
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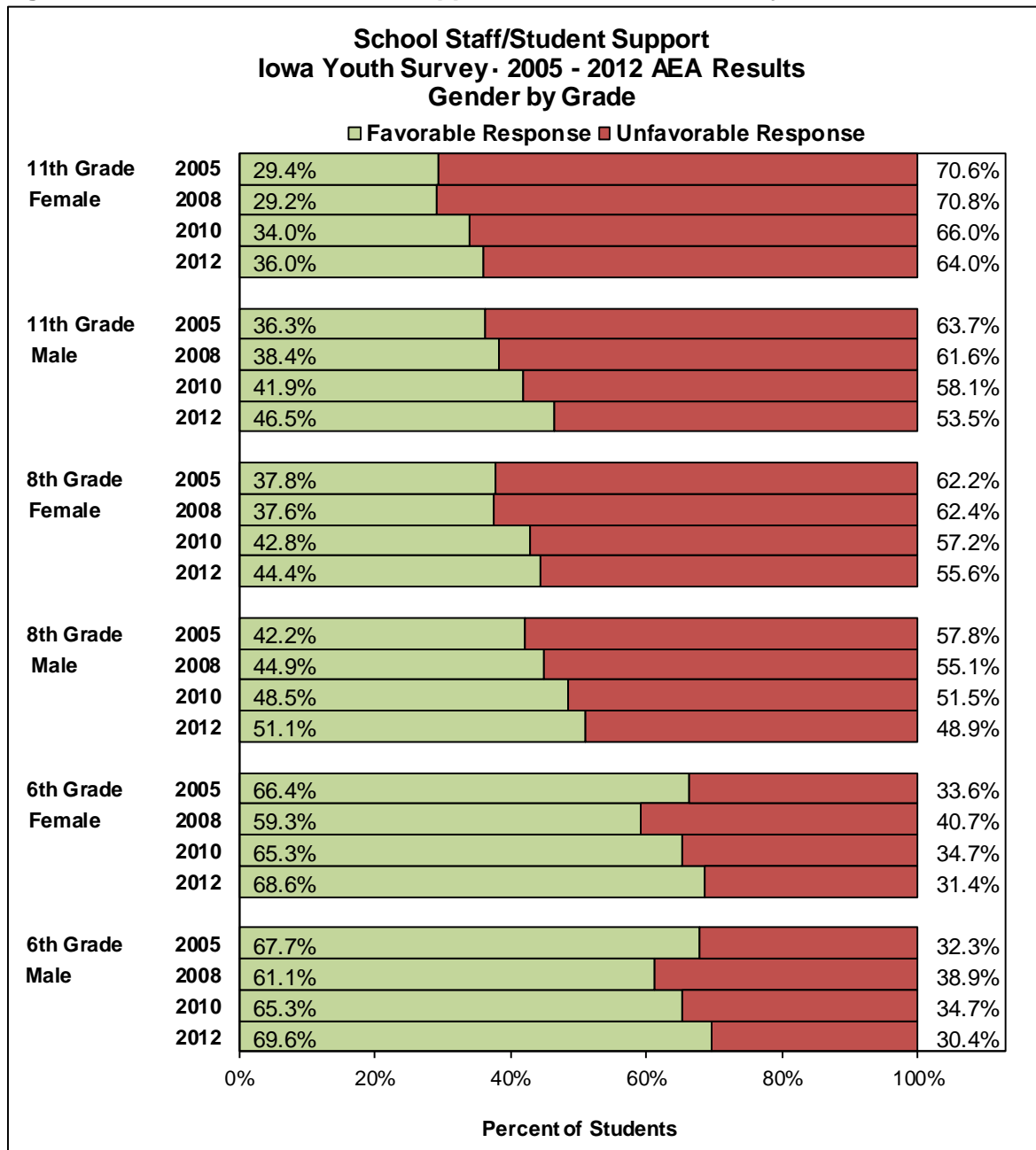
School Staff/Student Support

Figure 8a. School Staff/Student Support Construct: AEA, Gender, Grade



Six IYS questions are utilized in this construct: How much do you agree or disagree that each of the following statements is true: my teachers care about me; my teachers are available to talk with students one-on-one; my teachers notice when I am doing a good job and let me know about it; students in my school treat each other with respect; my school lets a parent/guardian know if I'm doing a good job; there is at least one adult at school that I could go to for help with a problem? Response coding: "Strongly agree" or "agree" are coded as favorable and "strongly disagree" or "disagree" are coded as unfavorable.

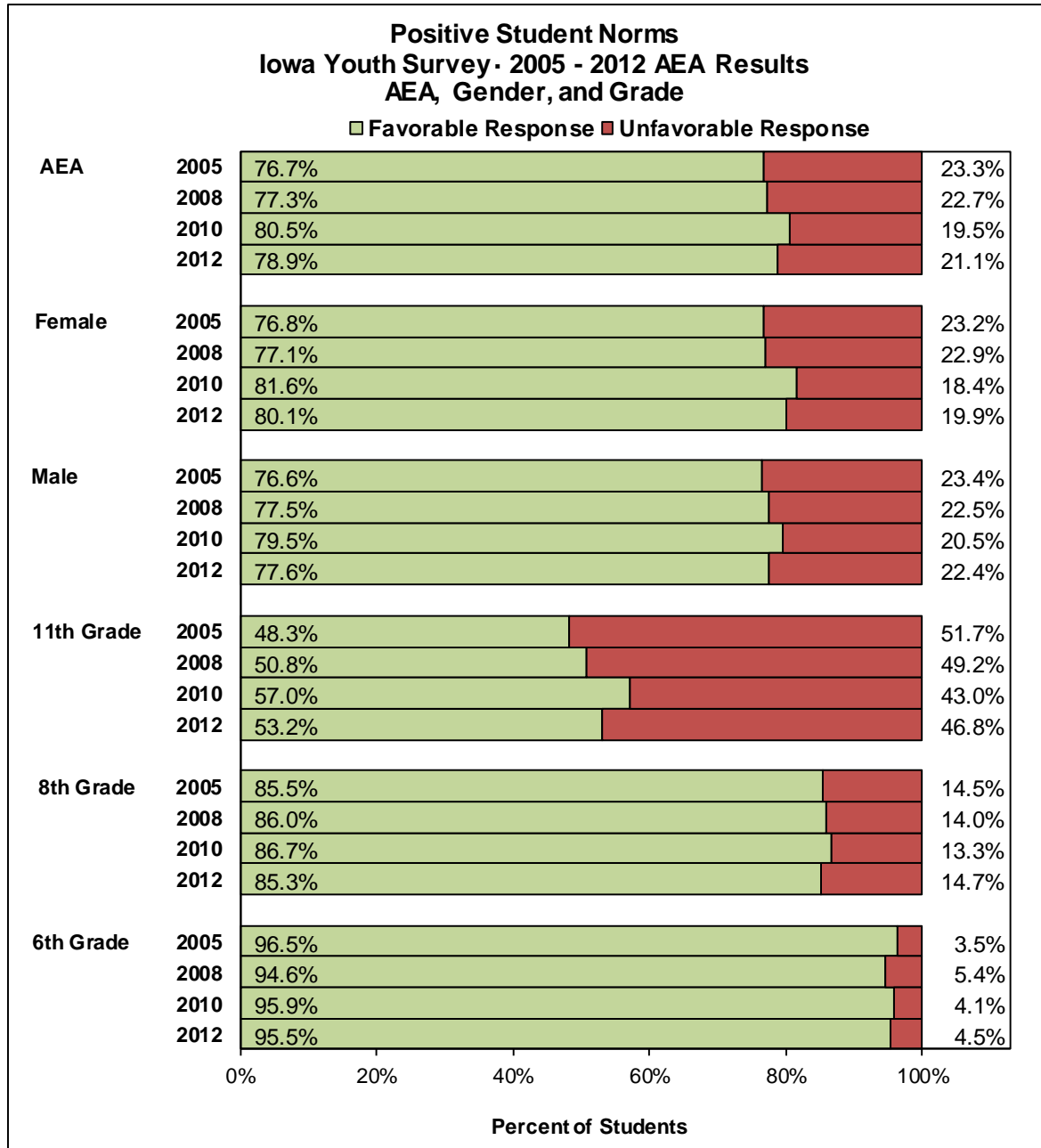
Figure 8b. School Staff/Student Support Construct: Gender by Grade



Six IYS questions are utilized in this construct: How much do you agree or disagree that each of the following statements is true: my teachers care about me; my teachers are available to talk with students one-on-one; my teachers notice when I am doing a good job and let me know about it; students in my school treat each other with respect; my school lets a parent/guardian know if I'm doing a good job; there is at least one adult at school that I could go to for help with a problem? *Response coding:* "Strongly agree" or "agree" are coded as favorable and "strongly disagree" or "disagree" are coded as unfavorable.

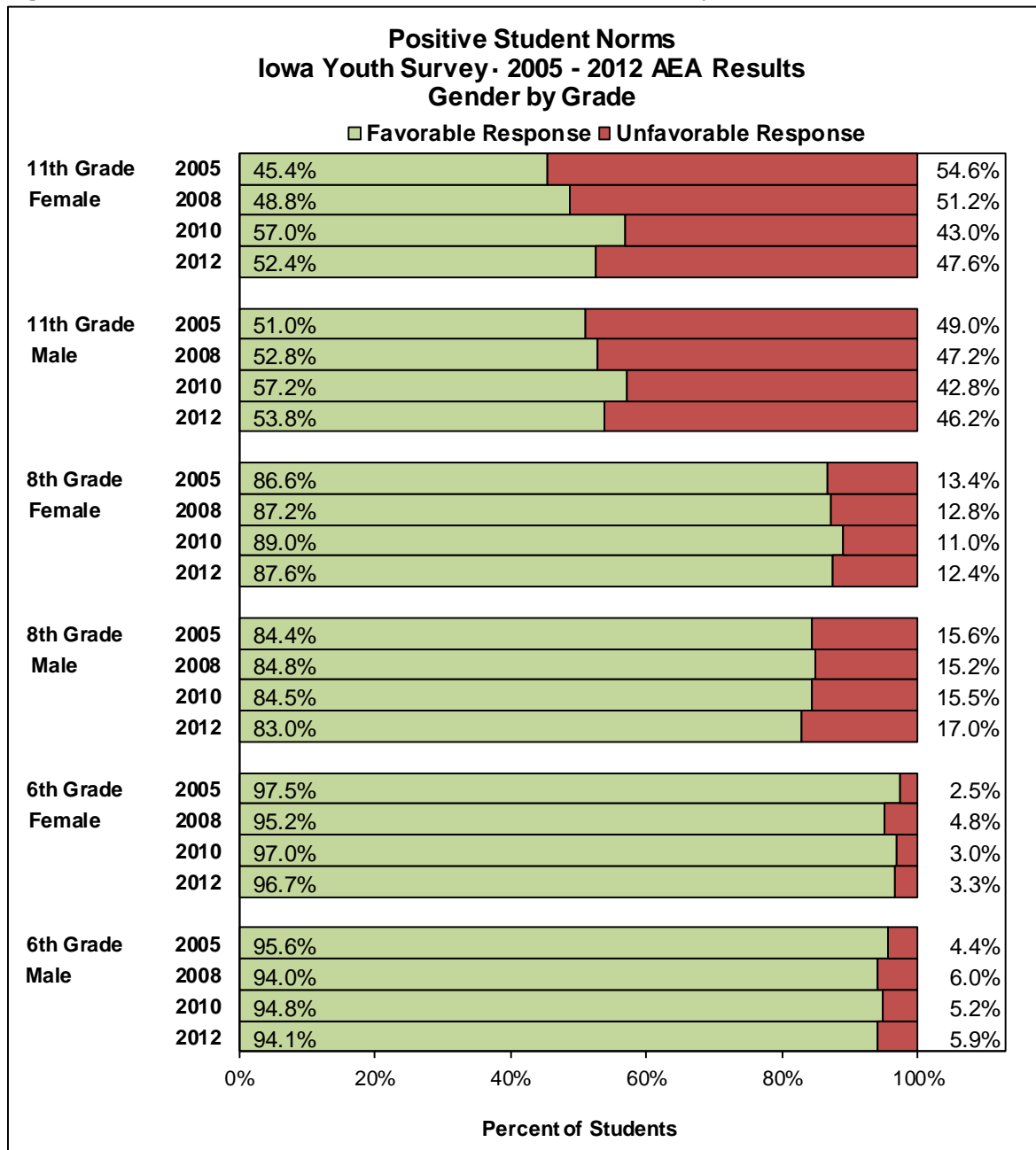
Positive Student Norms

Figure 9a. Positive Student Norms Construct: AEA, Gender, Grade



Six IYS questions are utilized in this construct: How wrong would most of the students in your school (not just your best friends) feel it would be to: drink beer, wine, or hard liquor (for example vodka, whiskey, gin); smoke cigarettes; smoke marijuana; start a physical fight with someone; go to a party where kids under 21 were using alcohol; go to a party where kids were using drugs? Response coding: "Very wrong," "wrong," "a little wrong," or "don't know" are coded as favorable and "not wrong at all" are coded as unfavorable.

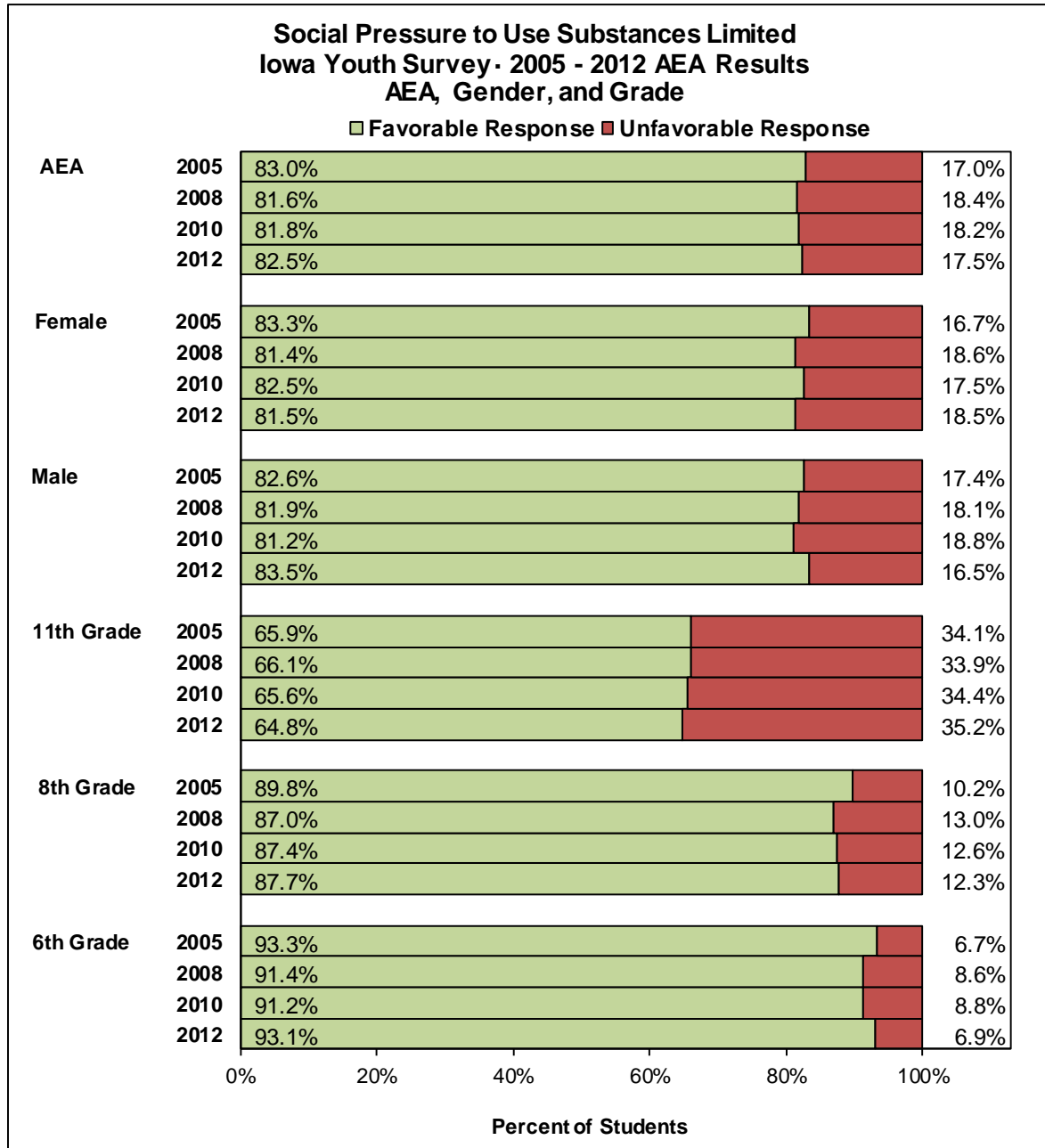
Figure 9b. Positive Student Norms Construct: Gender by Grade



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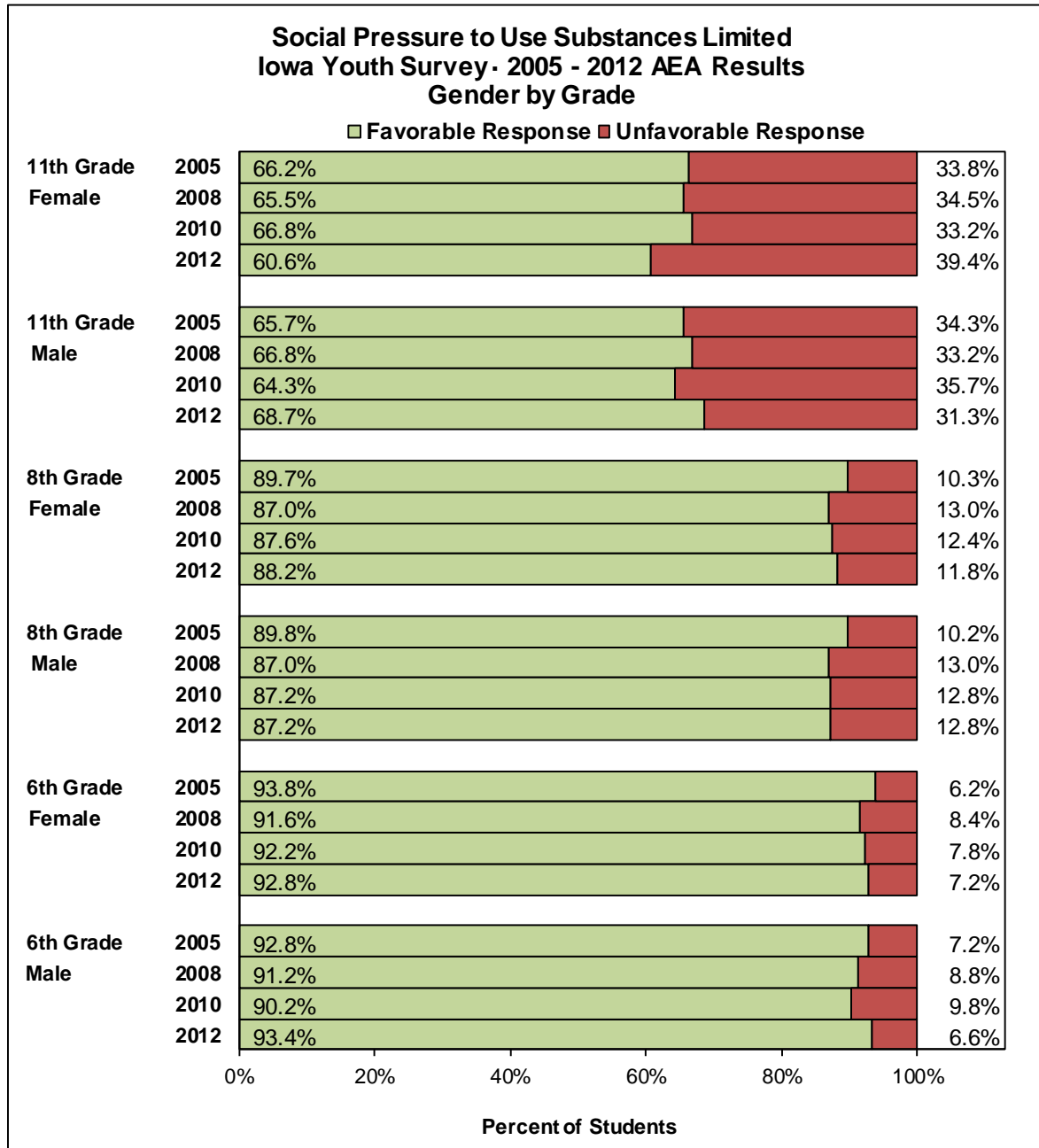
Social Pressure to Use Substances Limited

Figure 10a. Social Pressure to Use Substances Limited Construct: AEA, Gender, Grade



Four IYS questions utilized in this construct: Would you be more or less likely to be popular (respected or cool) with the other students in your school if you: smoked cigarettes; drank alcoholic beverages; smoked marijuana; used any other illegal drug? Response coding: "Less popular," "a lot less popular," or "wouldn't change my popularity" are coded as favorable and "a lot more popular" or "more popular" are coded as unfavorable.

Figure 10b. Social Pressure to Use Substances Limited Construct: Gender by Grade



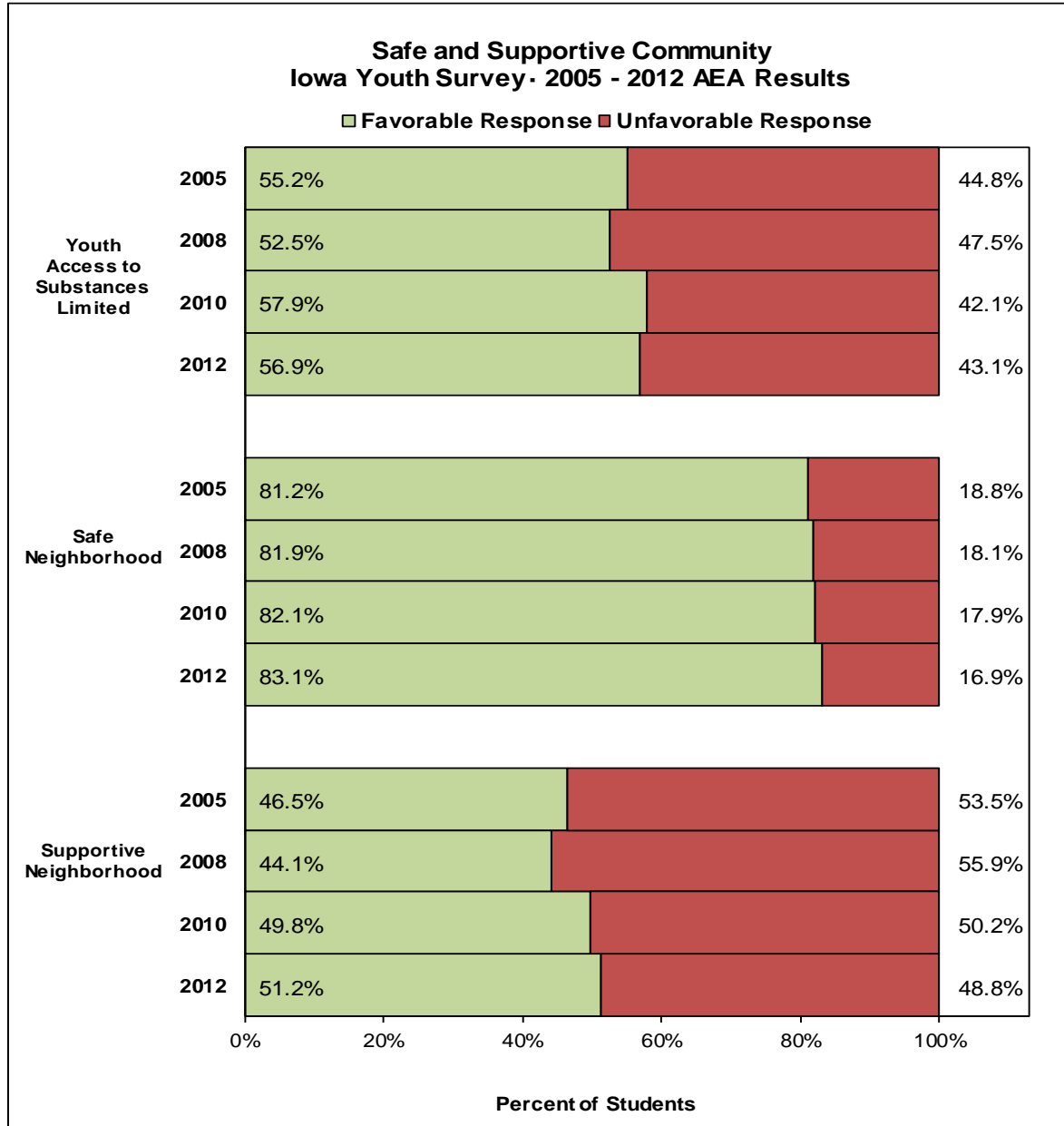
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Domain III: Safe and Supportive Community

Due to question changes in the 2012 survey, one construct in this domain has been removed. The Alcohol/Drug Free Places Available construct was removed. The three constructs within the Safe and Supportive Community Domain (Figure 11 found below) are:

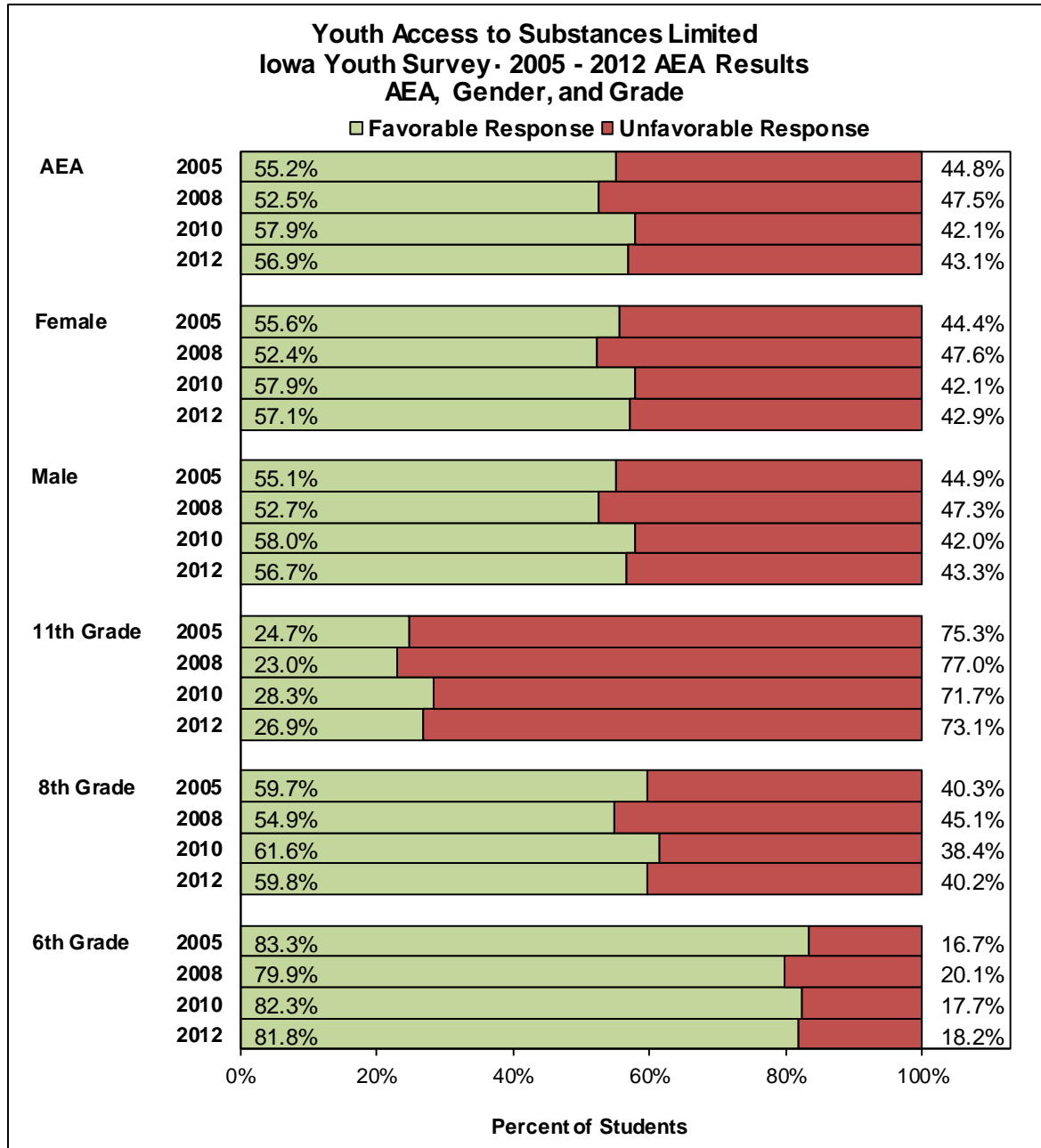
- Youth Access to Substances Limited
- Safe Neighborhood
- Supportive Neighborhood

Figure 11. Safe and Supportive Community Domain



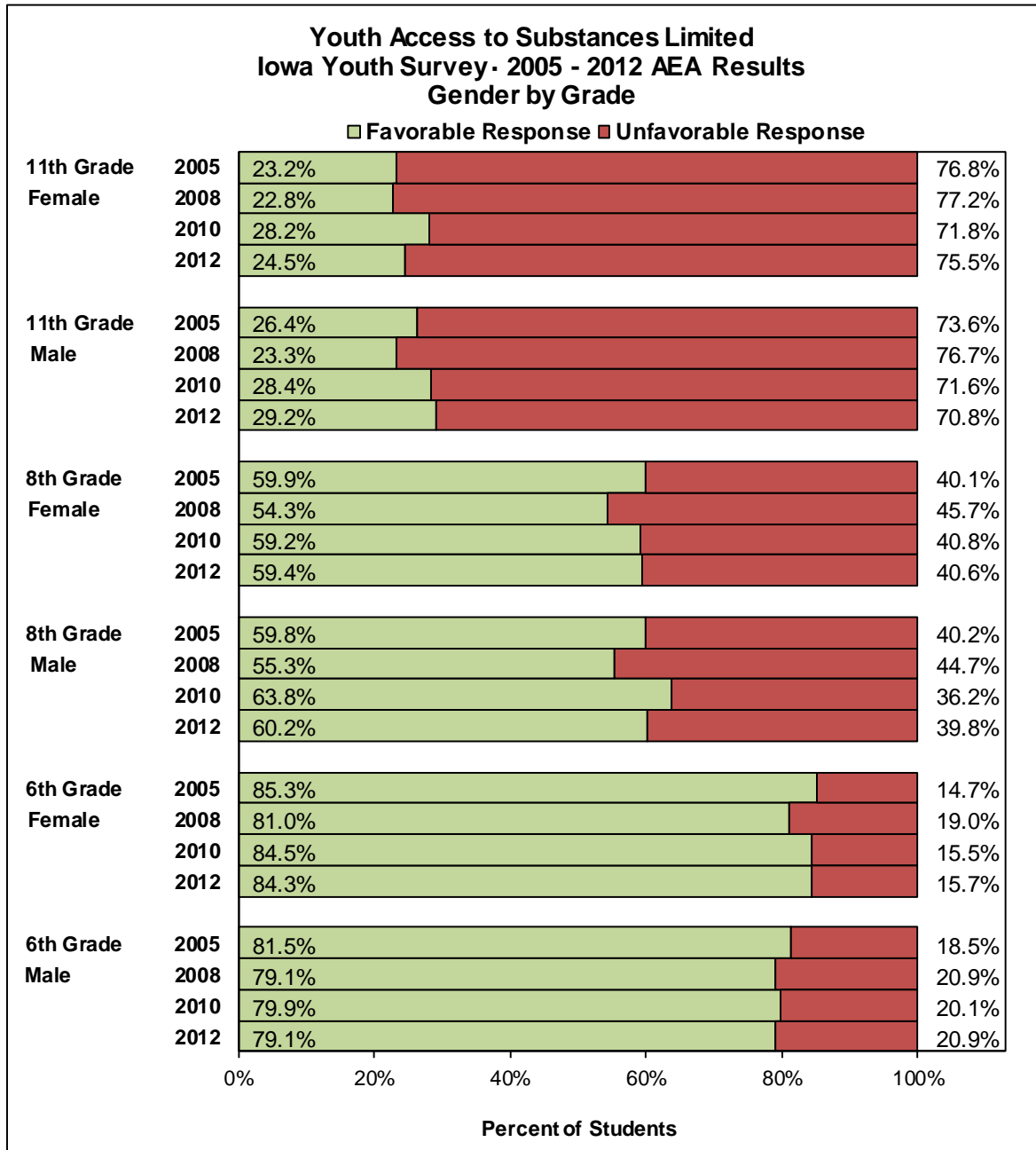
Youth Access to Substances Limited

Figure 12a. Youth Access to Substances Limited Construct: AEA, Gender, Grade



Six IYS questions are utilized in this construct: In your neighborhood or community, how difficult do you think it would be for a kid your age to get each of the following: cigarettes; alcoholic beverages (beer, wine or liquor); marijuana (pot, grass, hash, bud, weed); methamphetamines (crank, ice); amphetamines other than methamphetamines (like stimulants, uppers, speed); any other illegal drug (cocaine, etc.)? Response coding: "Very hard," "hard," or "don't know" are coded as favorable and "easy" or "very easy" are coded as unfavorable.

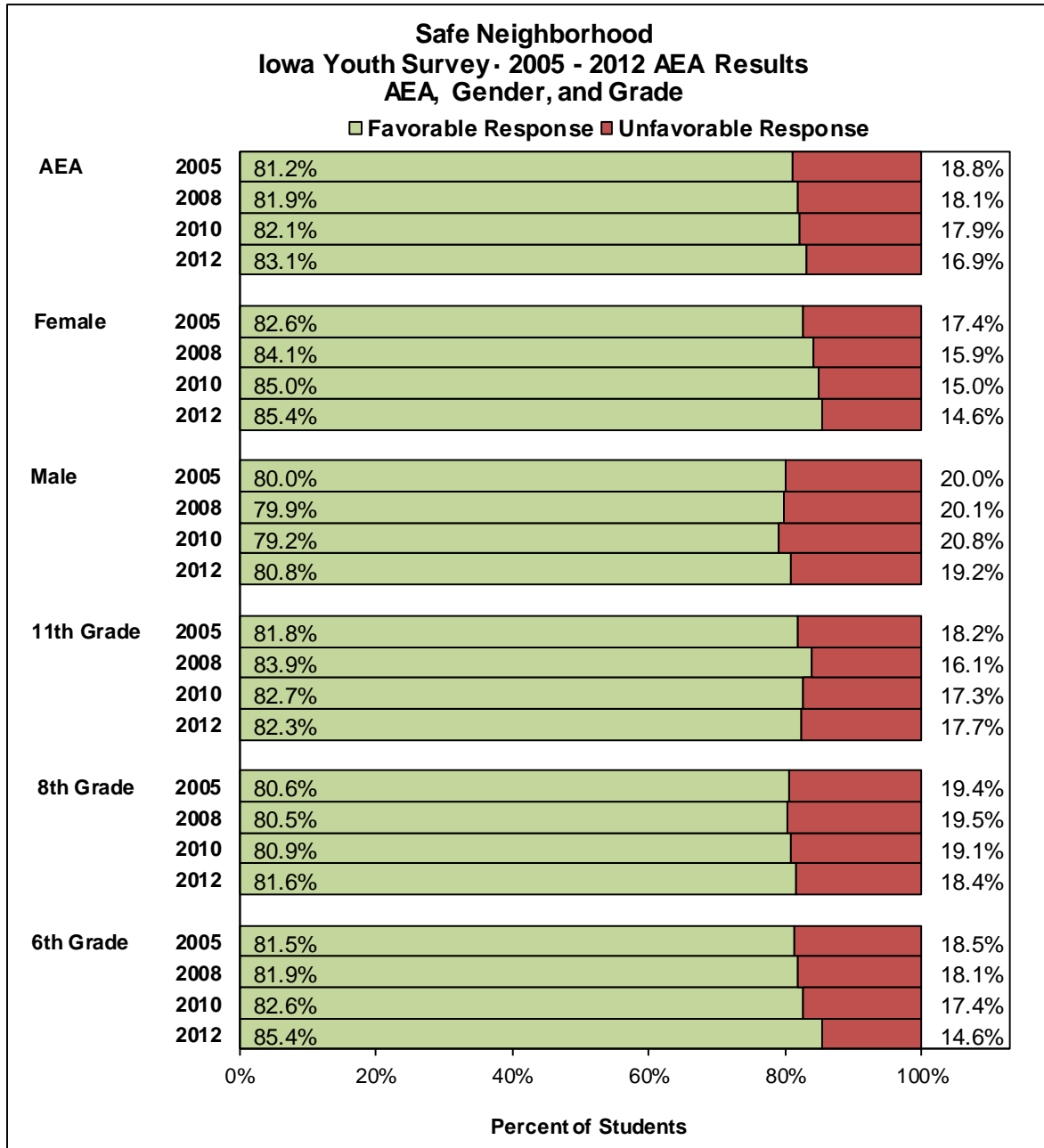
Figure 12b. Youth Access to Substances Limited Construct: Gender by Grade



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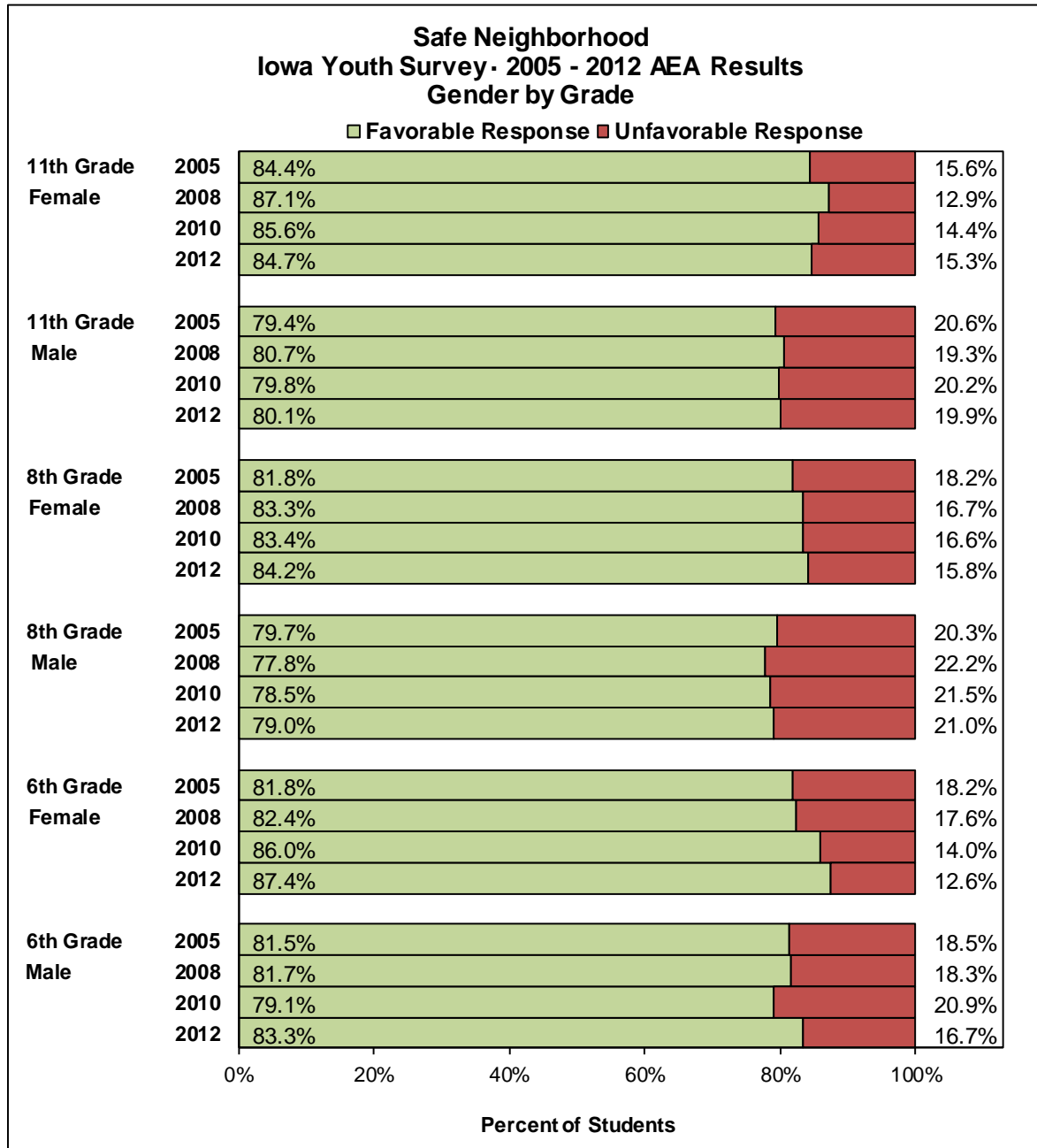
Safe Neighborhood

Figure 13a. Safe Neighborhood Construct: AEA, Gender, Grade



Two IYS questions are utilized in this construct: How much do you agree or disagree that each of the following statements is true: my neighborhood is a safe place to live; in my neighborhood there are lots of fights, crime, or illegal drugs? Response coding: First question - "strongly agree" or "agree" are coded as favorable and "strongly disagree" or "disagree" are coded as unfavorable. Second question - "strongly disagree" or "disagree" are coded as favorable and "strongly agree" or "agree" are coded as unfavorable.

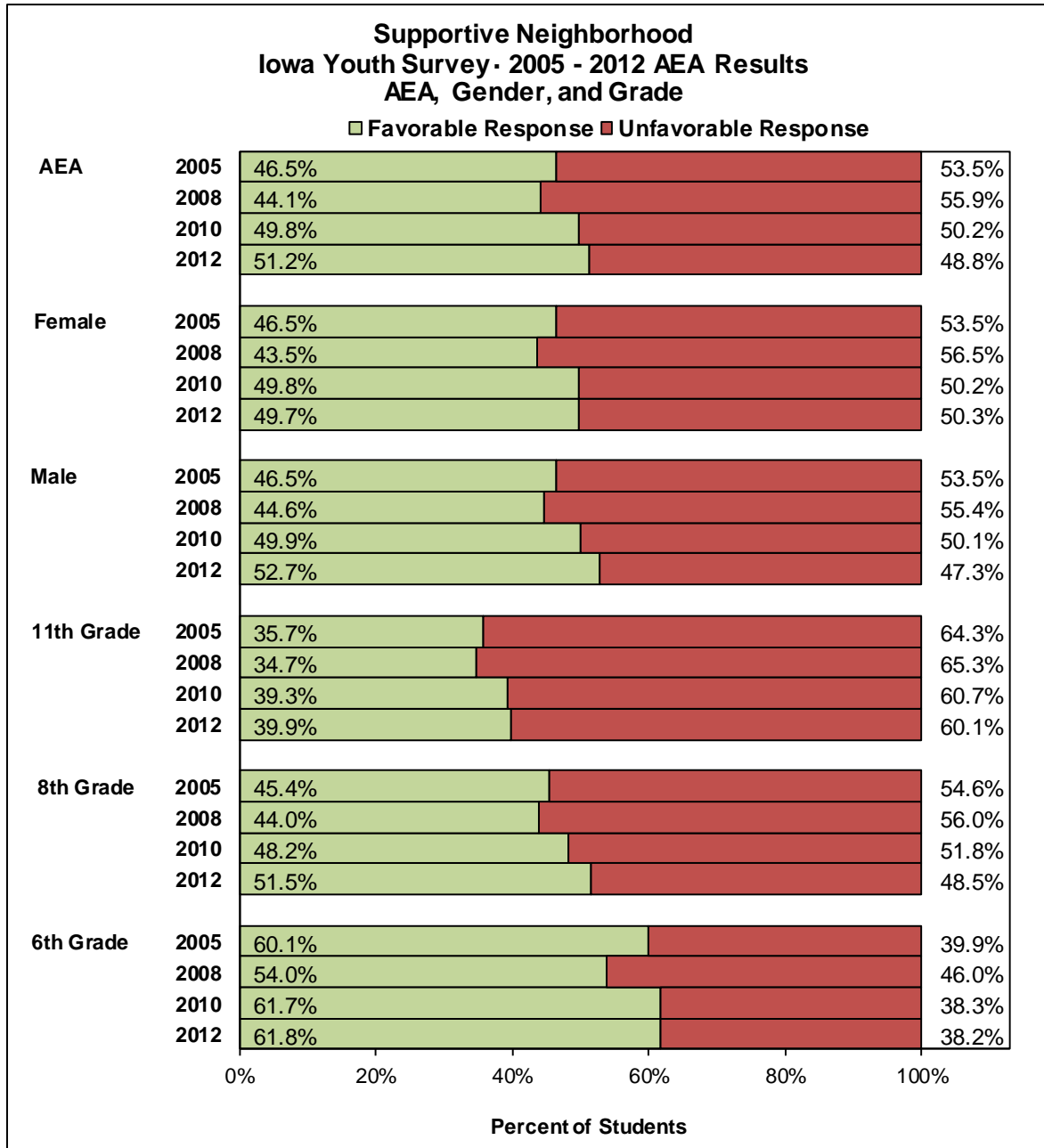
Figure 13b. Safe Neighborhood Construct: Gender by Grade



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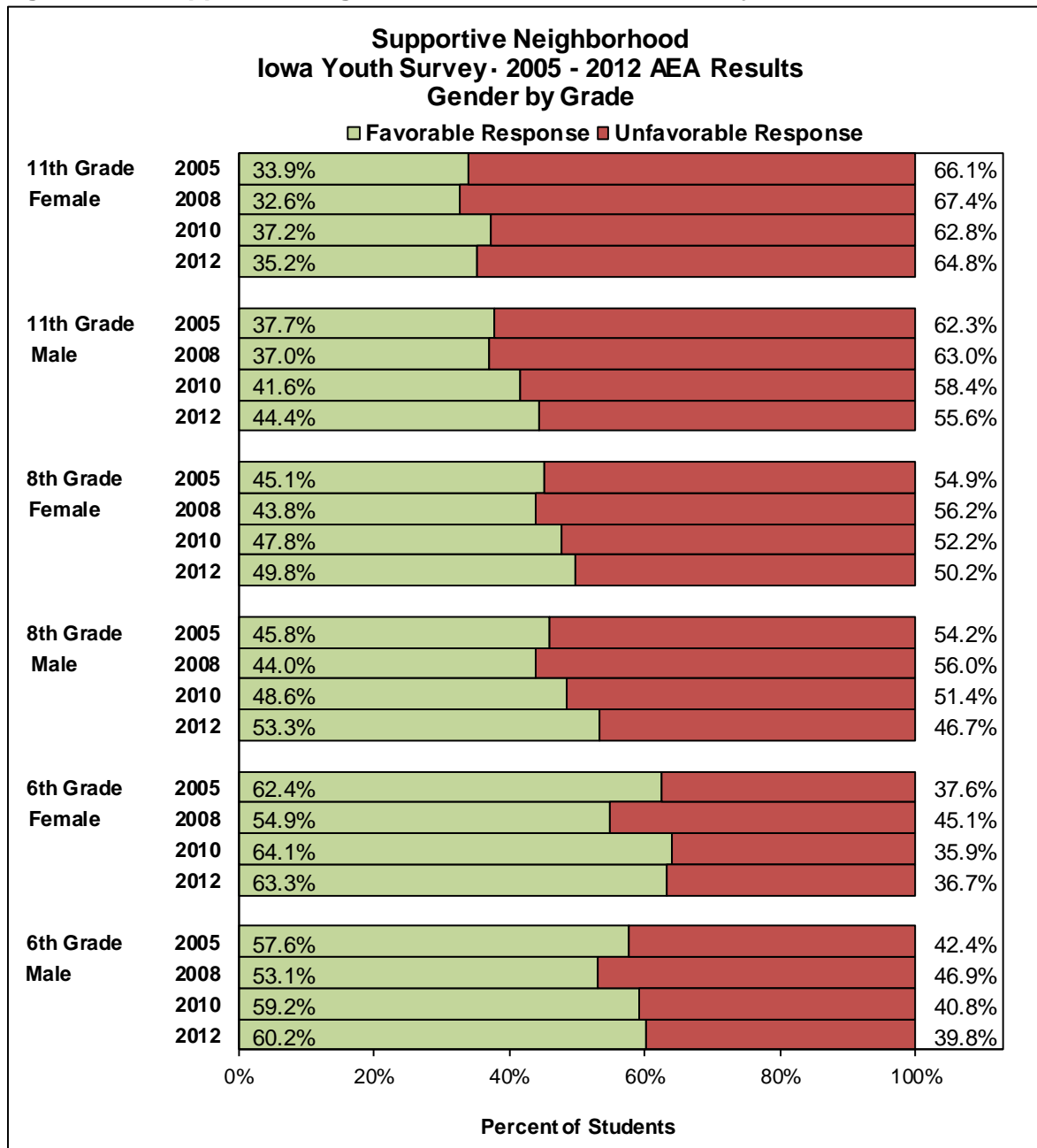
Supportive Neighborhood

Figure 14a. Supportive Neighborhood Construct: AEA, Gender, Grade



Six IYS questions are utilized in this construct: How much do you agree or disagree that each of the following statements is true: if someone in my neighborhood or community saw me do something wrong, they would tell one of my parents (or adults who live with me); adults in my community care about people my age; my neighbors get along well with each other; adults in my neighborhood or community let me know they are proud of me when I do something well; adults in my neighborhood or community help me when I need help; adults in my neighborhood or community spend time talking with me? *Response coding:* "Strongly agree" or "agree" are coded as favorable and "strongly disagree" or "disagree" are coded as unfavorable.

Figure 14b. Supportive Neighborhood Construct: Gender by Grade



Six IYS questions are utilized in this construct: How much do you agree or disagree that each of the following statements is true: if someone in my neighborhood or community saw me do something wrong, they would tell one of my parents (or adults who live with me); adults in my community care about people my age; my neighbors get along well with each other; adults in my neighborhood or community let me know they are proud of me when I do something well; adults in my neighborhood or community help me when I need help; adults in my neighborhood or community spend time talking with me? *Response coding:* "Strongly agree" or "agree" are coded as favorable and "strongly disagree" or "disagree" are coded as unfavorable.

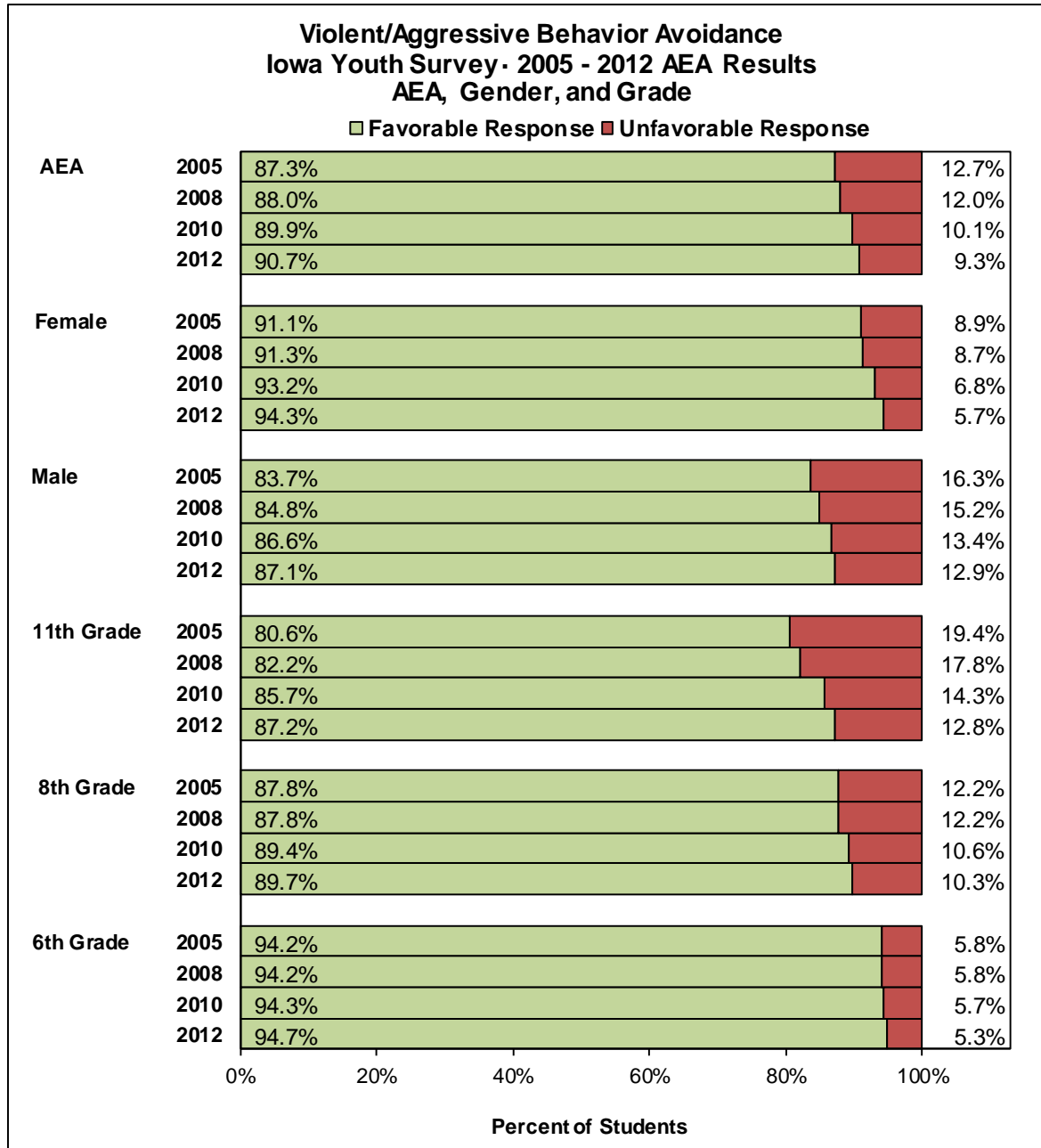
Domain IV: Healthy Youth – Avoidance of Risky Behavior

Due to question changes in the 2012 survey, two constructs in this domain have been removed. The No Current (past 30 days) Alcohol Use and Substance Use Risk Awareness constructs were included in this domain in previous trend reports. There is one construct within the Healthy Youth – Avoidance of Risky Behavior Domain:

- Violent/Aggressive Behavior Avoidance

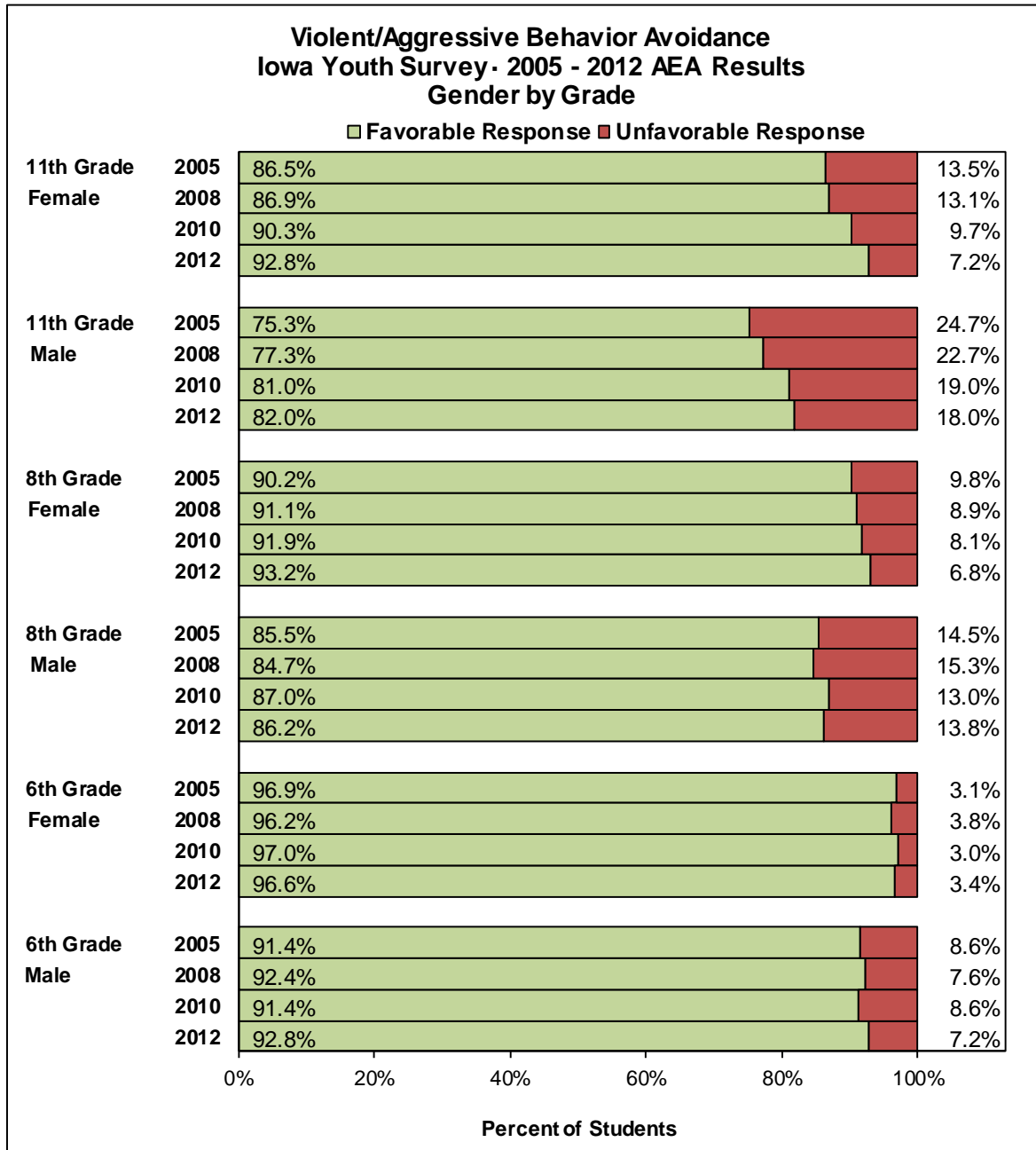
Violent/Aggressive Behavior Avoidance

Figure 15a. Violent/Aggressive Behavior Avoidance Construct: AEA, Gender, Grade



Seven IYS questions are utilized in this construct: In the past 12 months, how often have you: carried a gun, knife, club, or other weapon to school; been disciplined at school for fighting, theft, or damaging property; damaged property just for fun (like breaking windows, scratching a car, etc); beaten up on or fought someone because they made you angry; used a weapon, force, or threats to get money or things from someone; verbally threatened to physically harm someone; stolen something? *Response coding:* First and fifth questions – “None” is coded as favorable and “1 or 2 times,” “3-5 times,” or “6 or more times” are coded as unfavorable. Second, third, fourth, sixth, and seventh questions – “None” or “1 or 2 times” are coded as favorable and “3-5 times” or “6 or more times” are coded as unfavorable.

Figure 15b. Violent/Aggressive Behavior Avoidance Construct: Gender by Grade



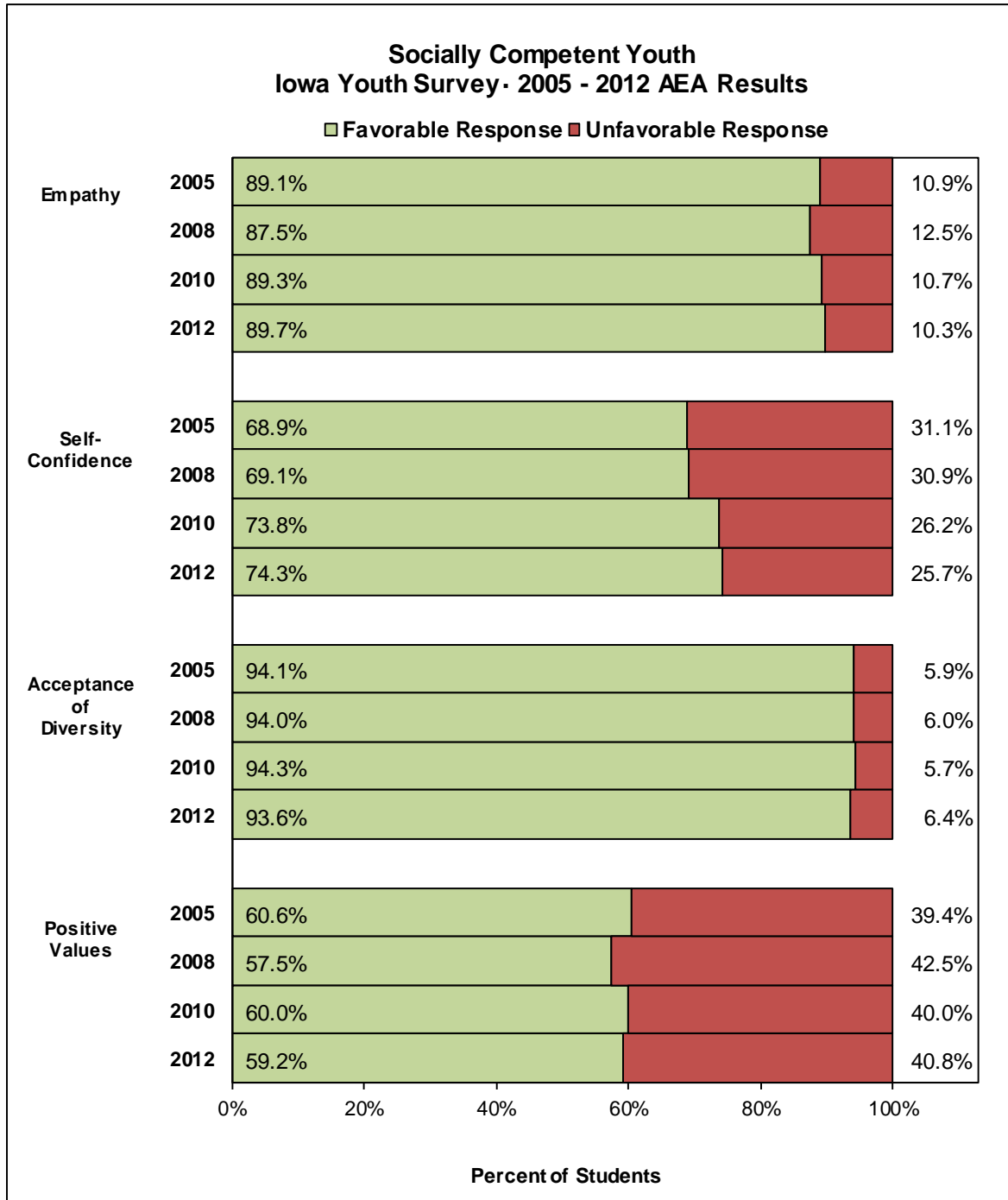
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Domain V: Socially Competent Youth

Due to question changes in the 2012 survey, two constructs in this domain have been removed. The Self-Esteem and Peer Pressure Resistance constructs were included in this domain in previous trend reports. The four constructs within the Socially Competent Youth Domain (Figure 16 displayed on the following page) are:

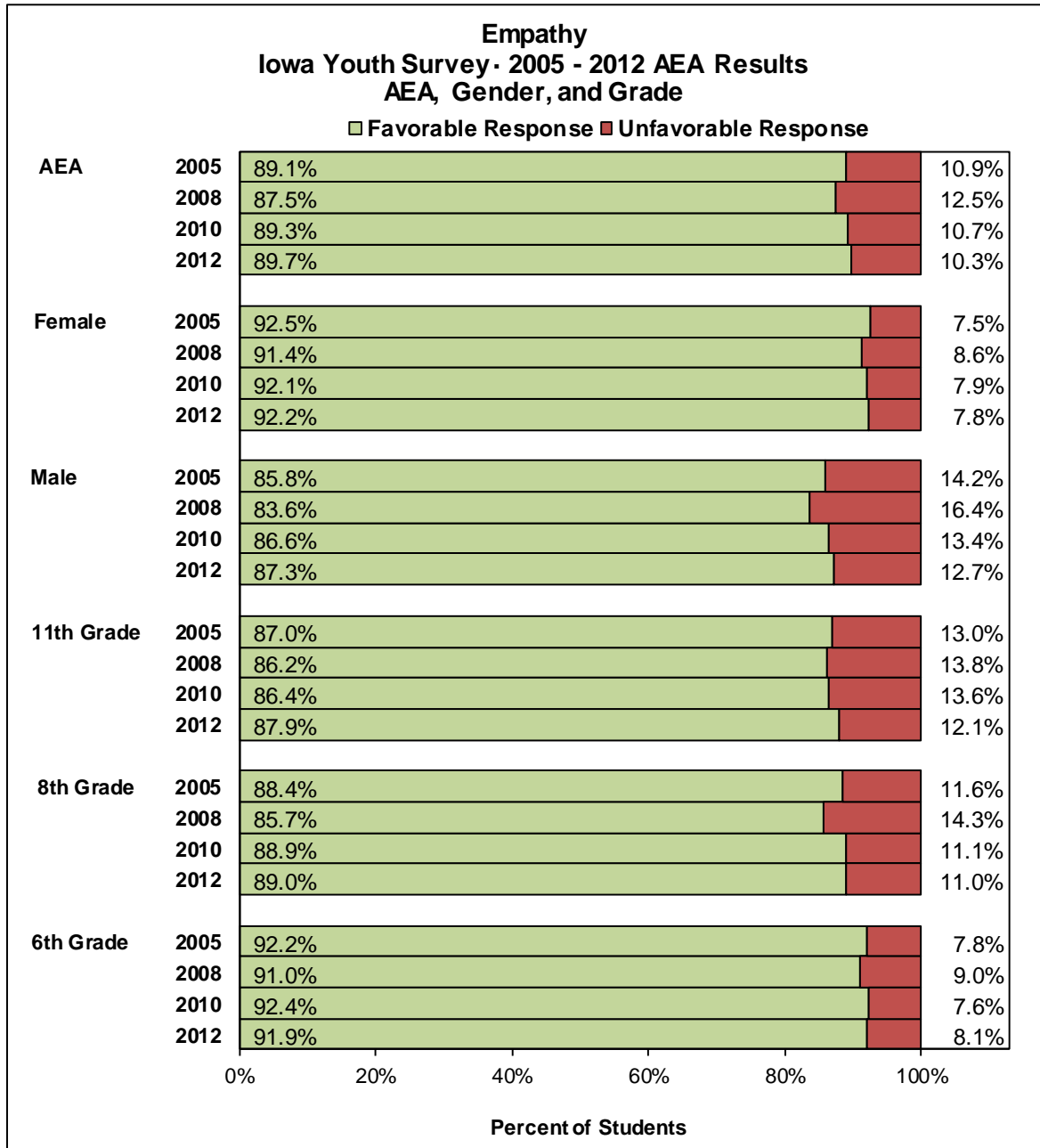
- Empathy
- Self-Confidence
- Acceptance of Diversity
- Positive Values

Figure 16. Socially Competent Youth Domain



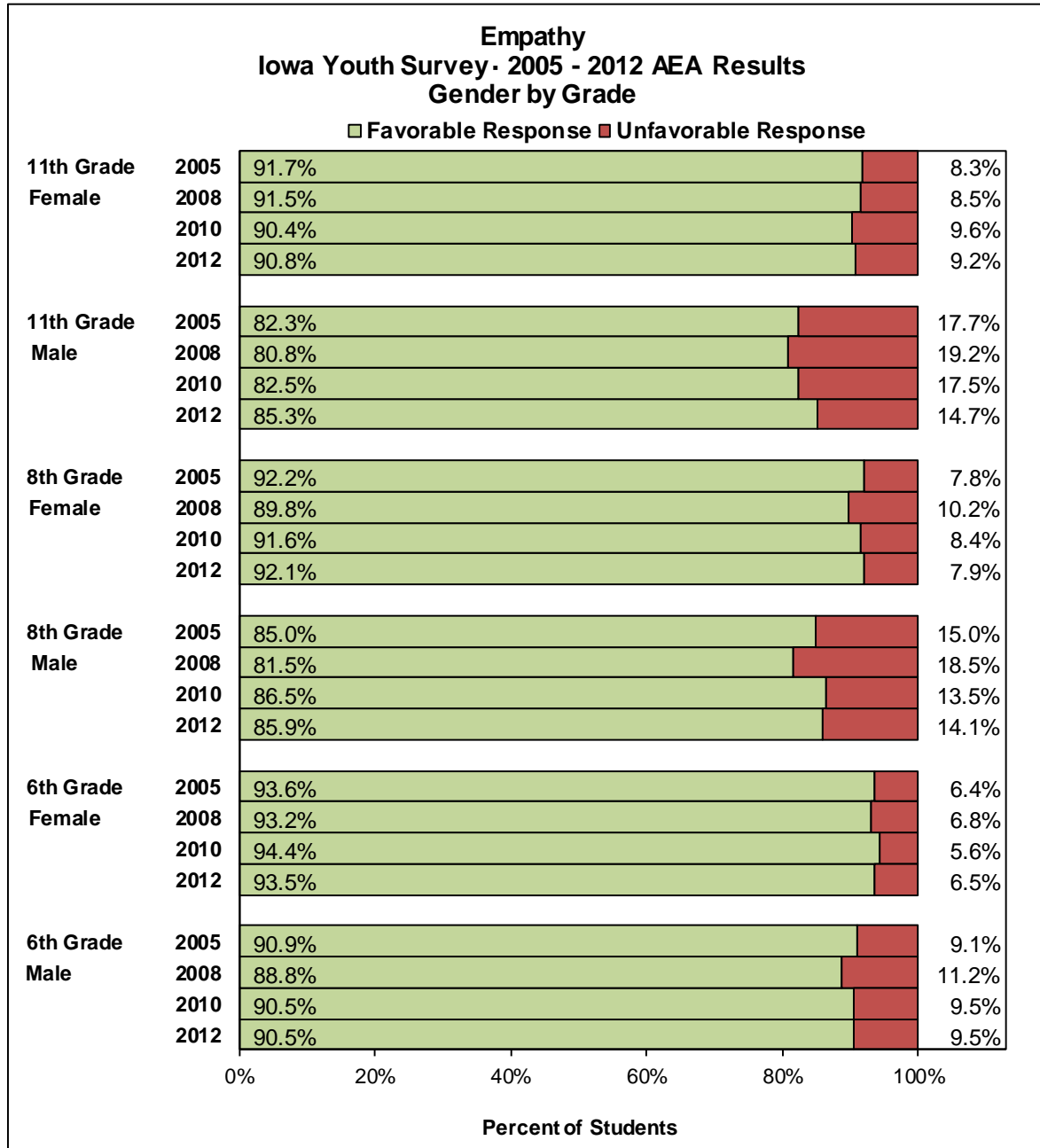
Empathy

Figure 17a. Empathy Construct: AEA, Gender, Grade



Three IYS questions are utilized in this construct: How much do you agree or disagree that each of the following statements is true: it is important to help other people; I care about other people’s feelings; I feel sorry for people who have things stolen or damaged? Response coding: “Strongly agree” or “agree” are coded as favorable and “strongly disagree” or “disagree” are coded as unfavorable.

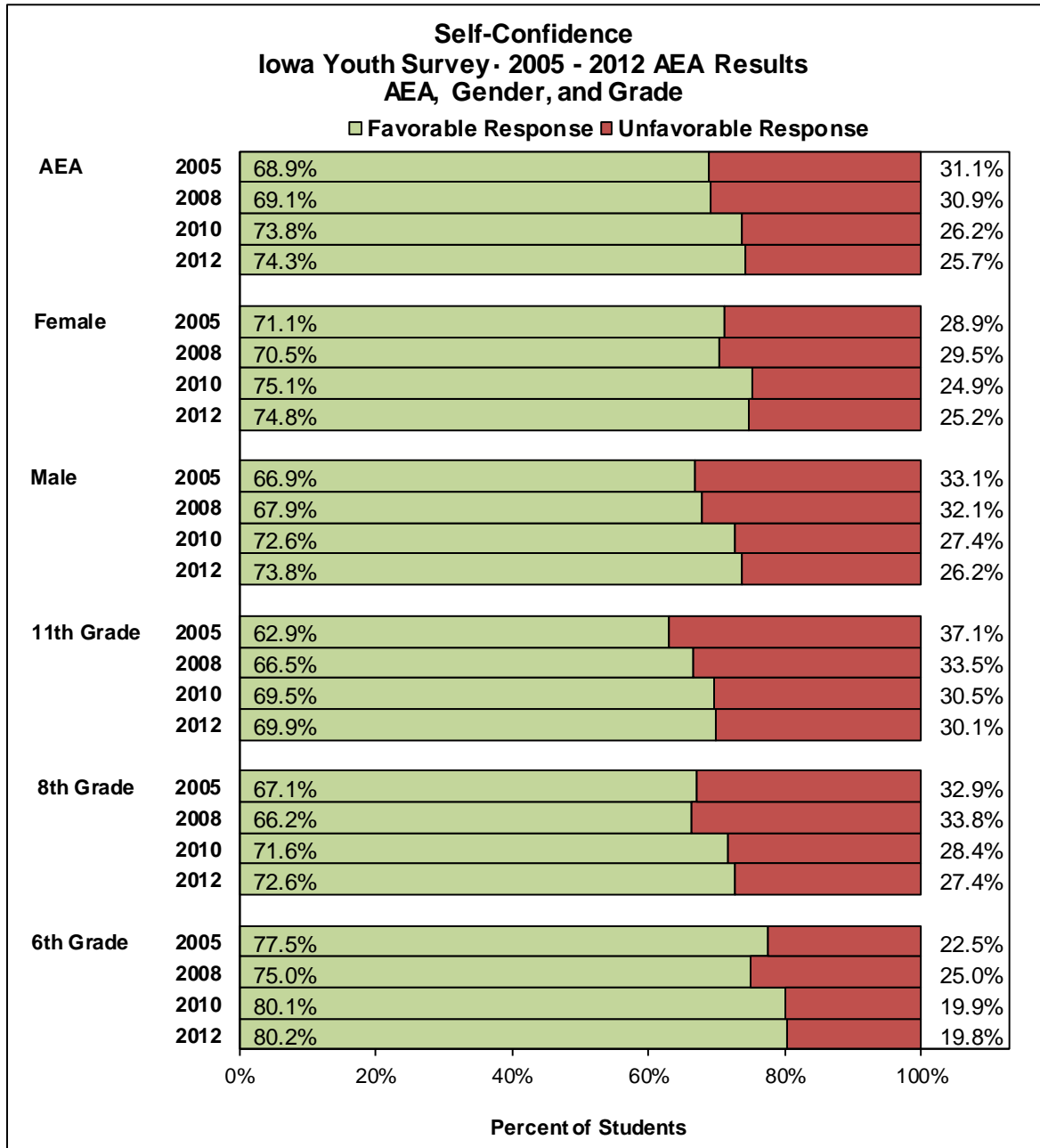
Figure 17b. Empathy Construct: Gender by Grade



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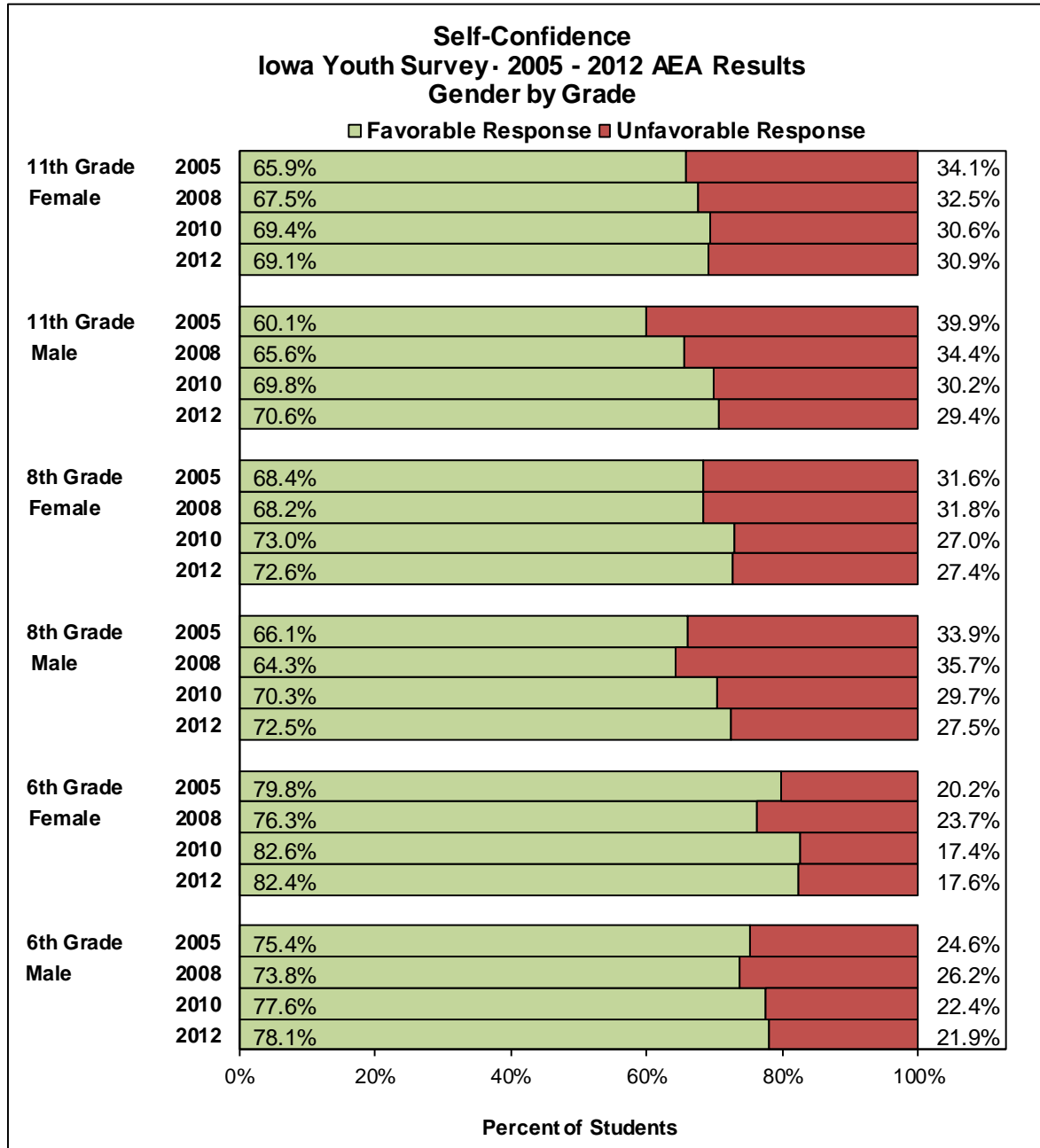
Self-Confidence

Figure 18a. Self-Confidence Construct: AEA, Gender, Grade



Four IYS questions are utilized in this construct: How much do you agree or disagree that each of the following statements is true: I accept responsibility for my actions when I make a mistake or get into trouble; I am good at making friends; when I have problems, I am good at finding ways to fix them; I think things through carefully before I make a decision? Response coding: "Strongly agree" or "agree" are coded as favorable and "strongly disagree" or "disagree" are coded as unfavorable.

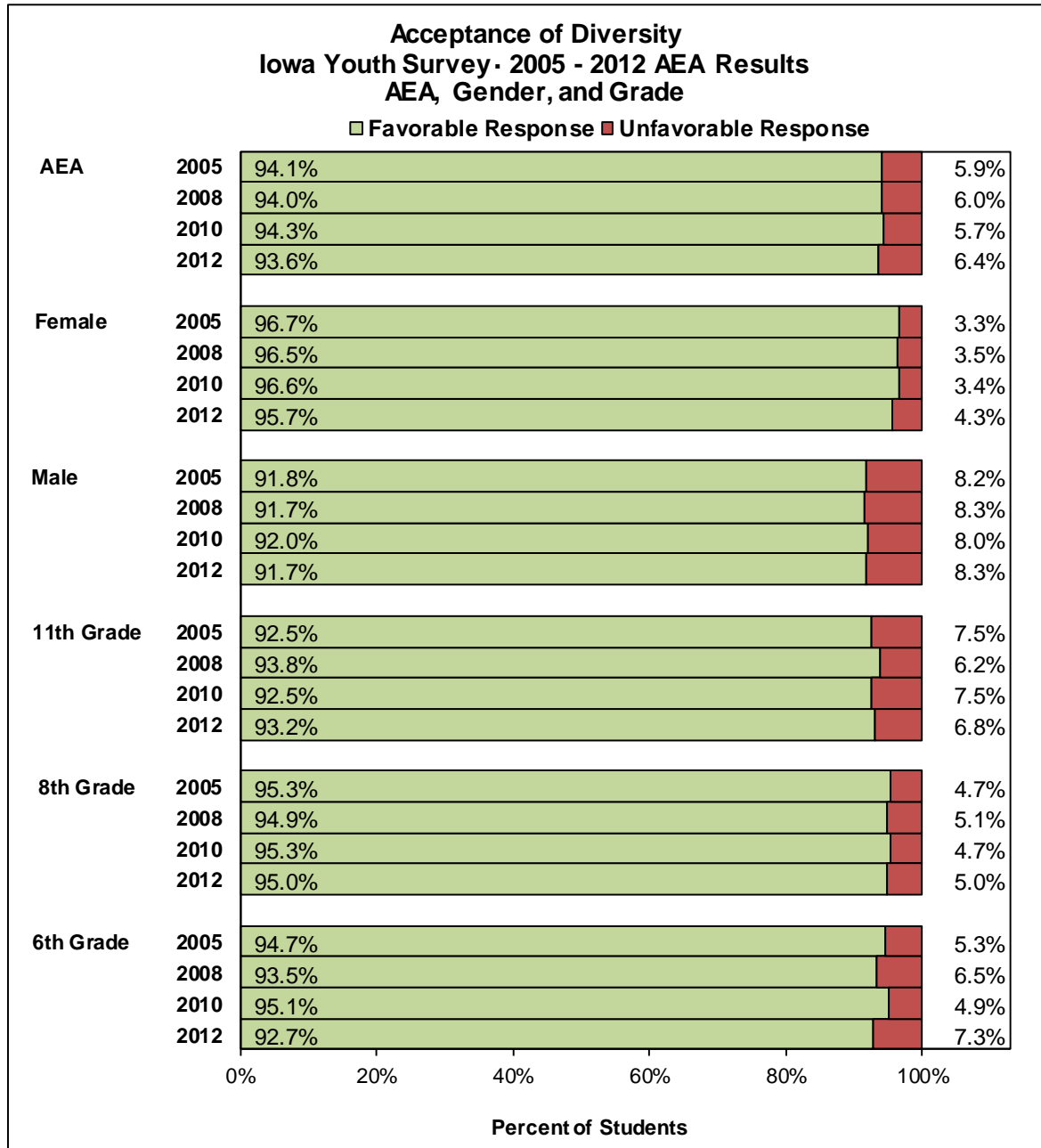
Figure 18b. Self-Confidence Construct: Gender by Grade



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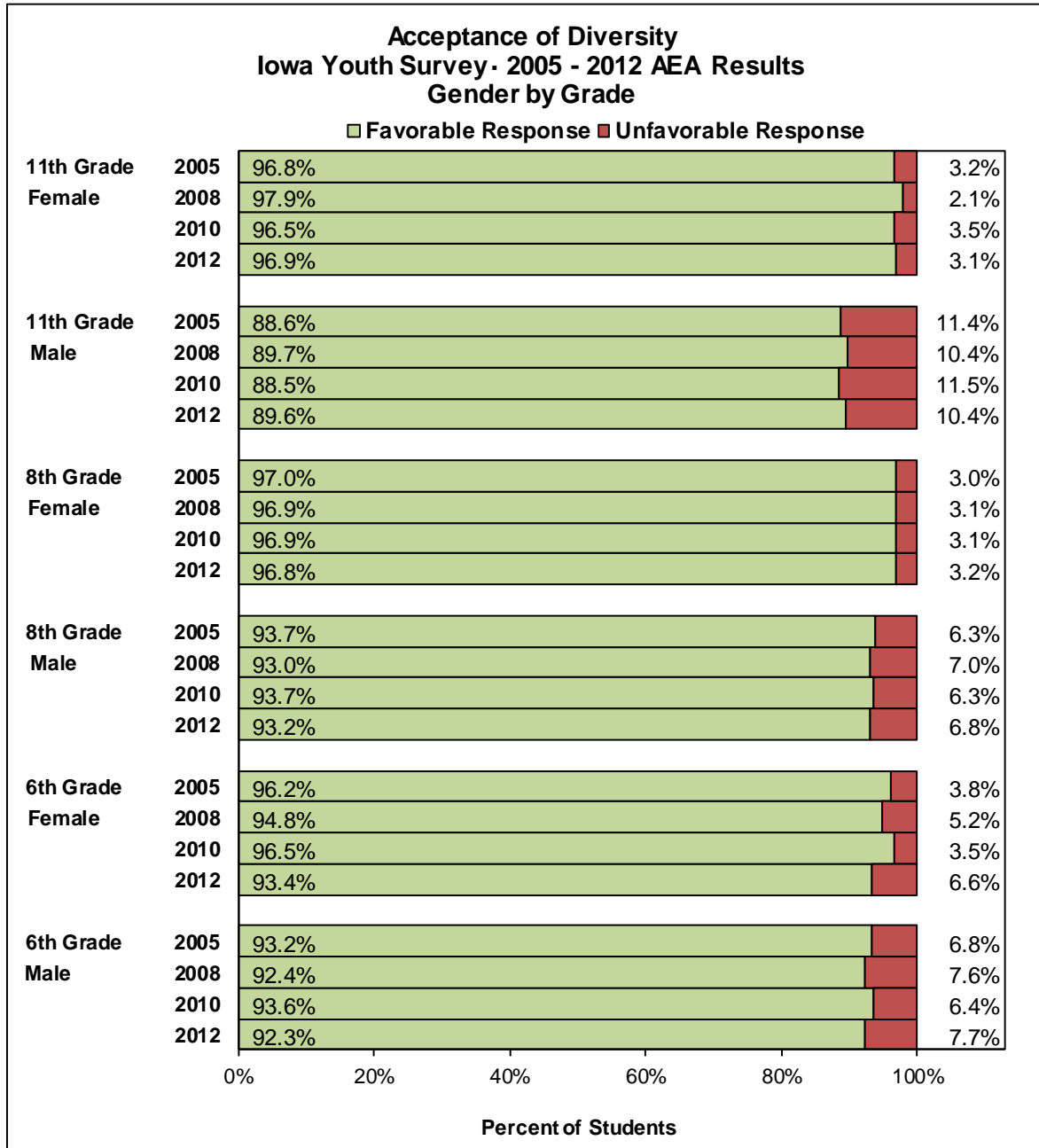
Acceptance of Diversity

Figure 19a. Acceptance of Diversity Construct: AEA, Gender, Grade



Two IYS questions are utilized in this construct: How much do you agree or disagree that each of the following statements is true: I am accepting of those different than myself (racially, culturally, socio-economically); it is wrong to discriminate against someone because of her/his race, appearance, culture, religion, etc? *Response coding:* “Strongly agree” or “agree” are coded as favorable and “strongly disagree” or “disagree” are coded as unfavorable.

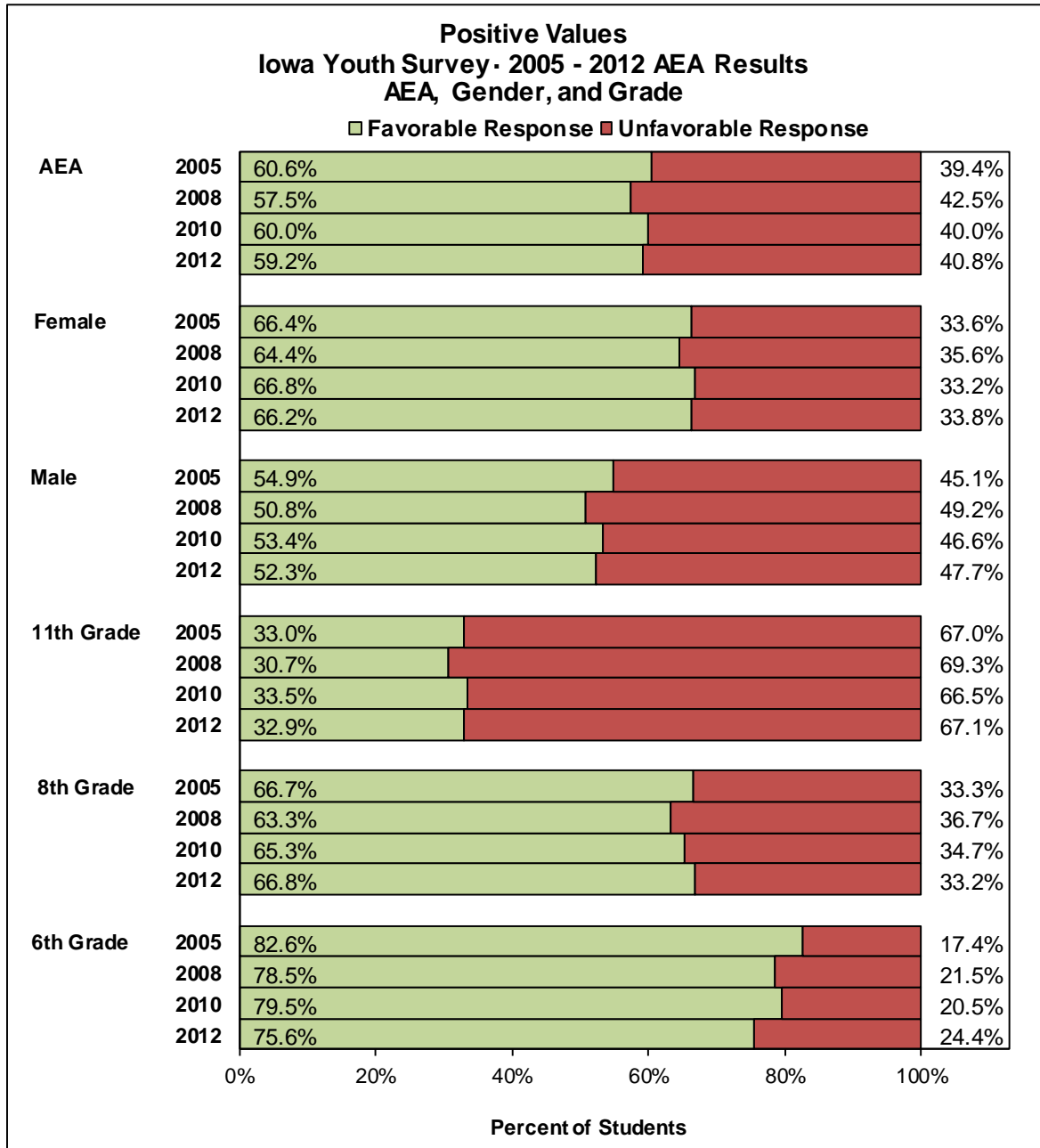
Figure 19b. Acceptance of Diversity Construct: Gender by Grade



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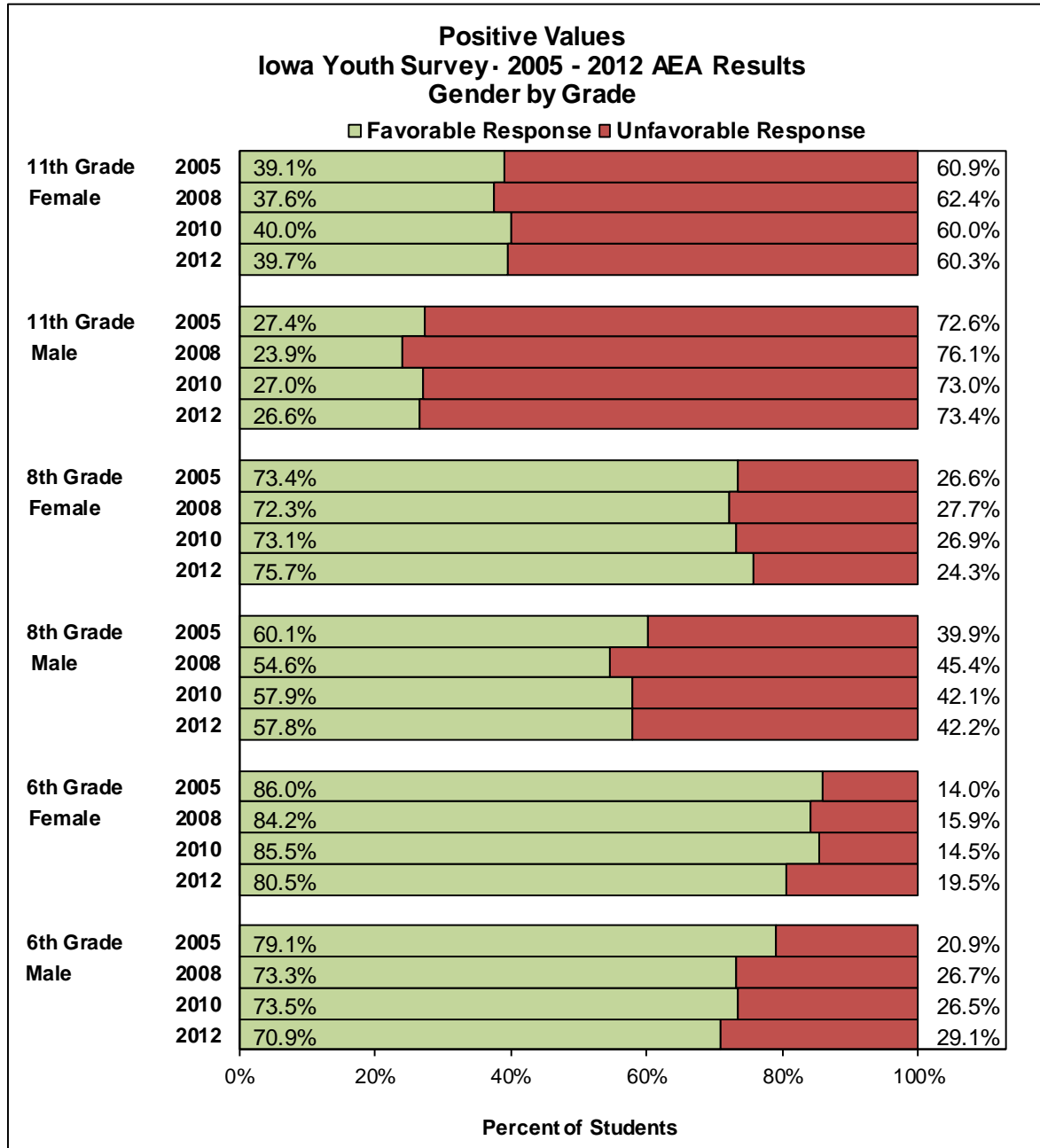
Positive Values

Figure 20a. Positive Values Construct: AEA, Gender, Grade



Four IYS questions are utilized in this construct: How much do you agree or disagree that each of the following statements is true: violence is the worst way to solve problems; it is against my values to have sex as a teenager; it is important to tell the truth; it is against my values to use alcohol and drugs as a teenager? *Response coding:* "Strongly agree" or "agree" are coded as favorable and "strongly disagree" or "disagree" are coded as unfavorable.

Figure 20b. Positive Values Construct: Gender by Grade



Four IYS questions are utilized in this construct: How much do you agree or disagree that each of the following statements is true: violence is the worst way to solve problems; it is against my values to have sex as a teenager; it is important to tell the truth; it is against my values to use alcohol and drugs as a teenager? Response coding: "Strongly agree" or "agree" are coded as favorable and "strongly disagree" or "disagree" are coded as unfavorable.

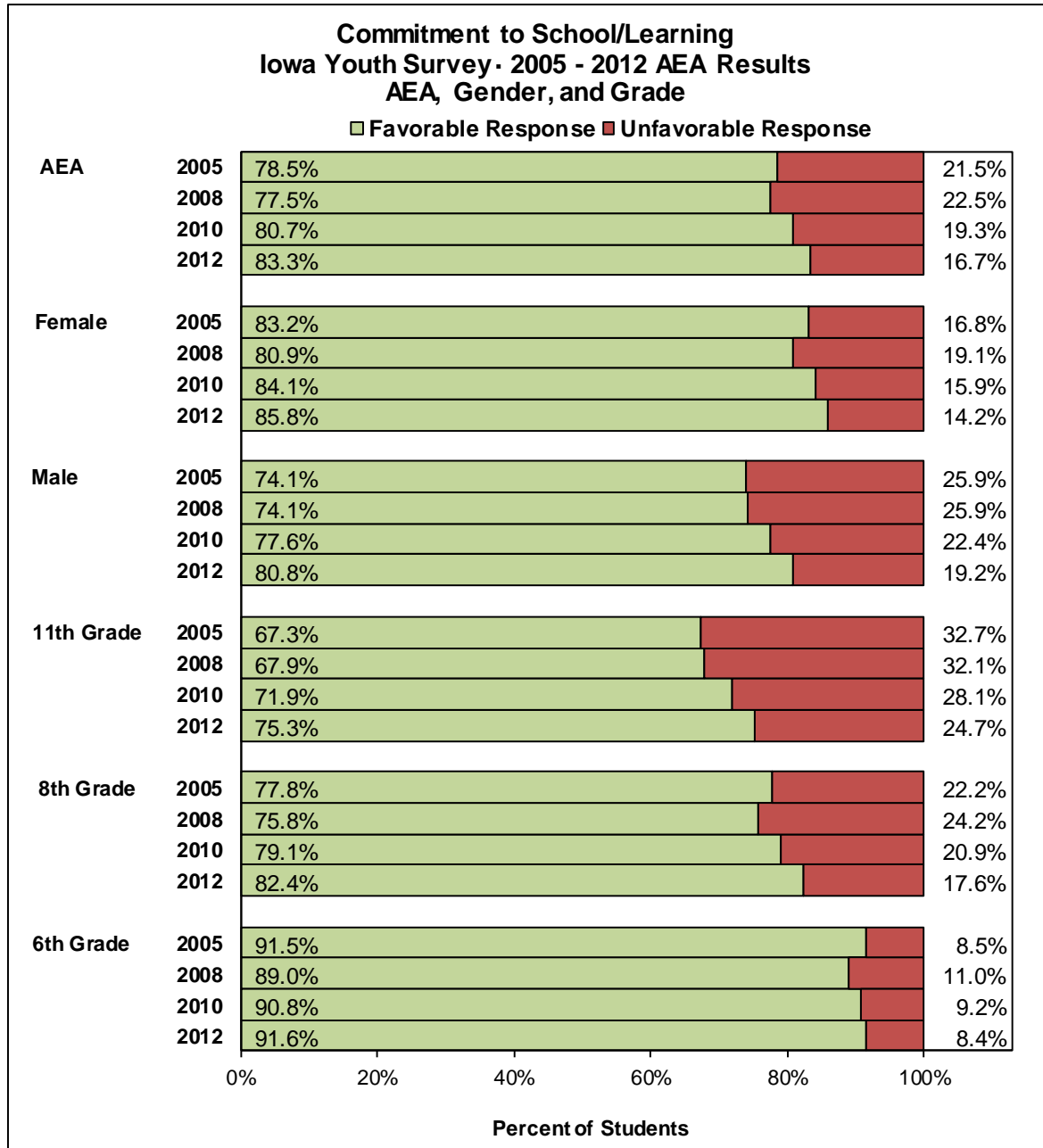
Domain VI: Youth Successful in School

There is one construct within the Youth Successful in School Domain:

- Commitment to School/Learning

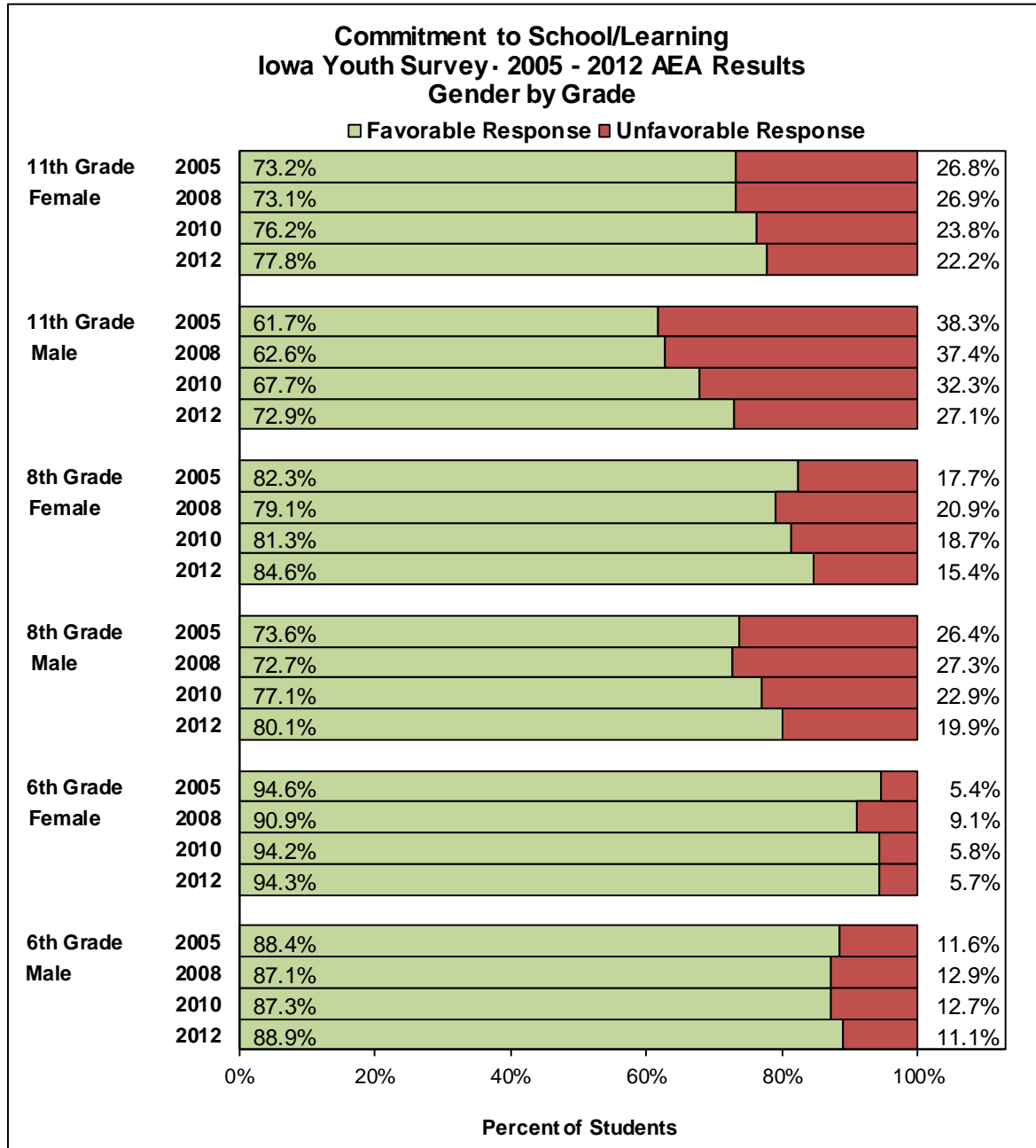
Commitment to School/Learning

Figure 21a. Commitment to School/Learning Construct: AEA, Gender, Grade



Four IYS questions are utilized in this construct: How much do you agree or disagree that each of the following statements is true: I care about my school; I try to do my best in school; I plan to finish high school; I do the homework that is assigned? Response coding: “Strongly agree” or “agree” are coded as favorable and “strongly disagree” or “disagree” are coded as unfavorable.

Figure 21b. Commitment to School/Learning Construct: Gender by Grade

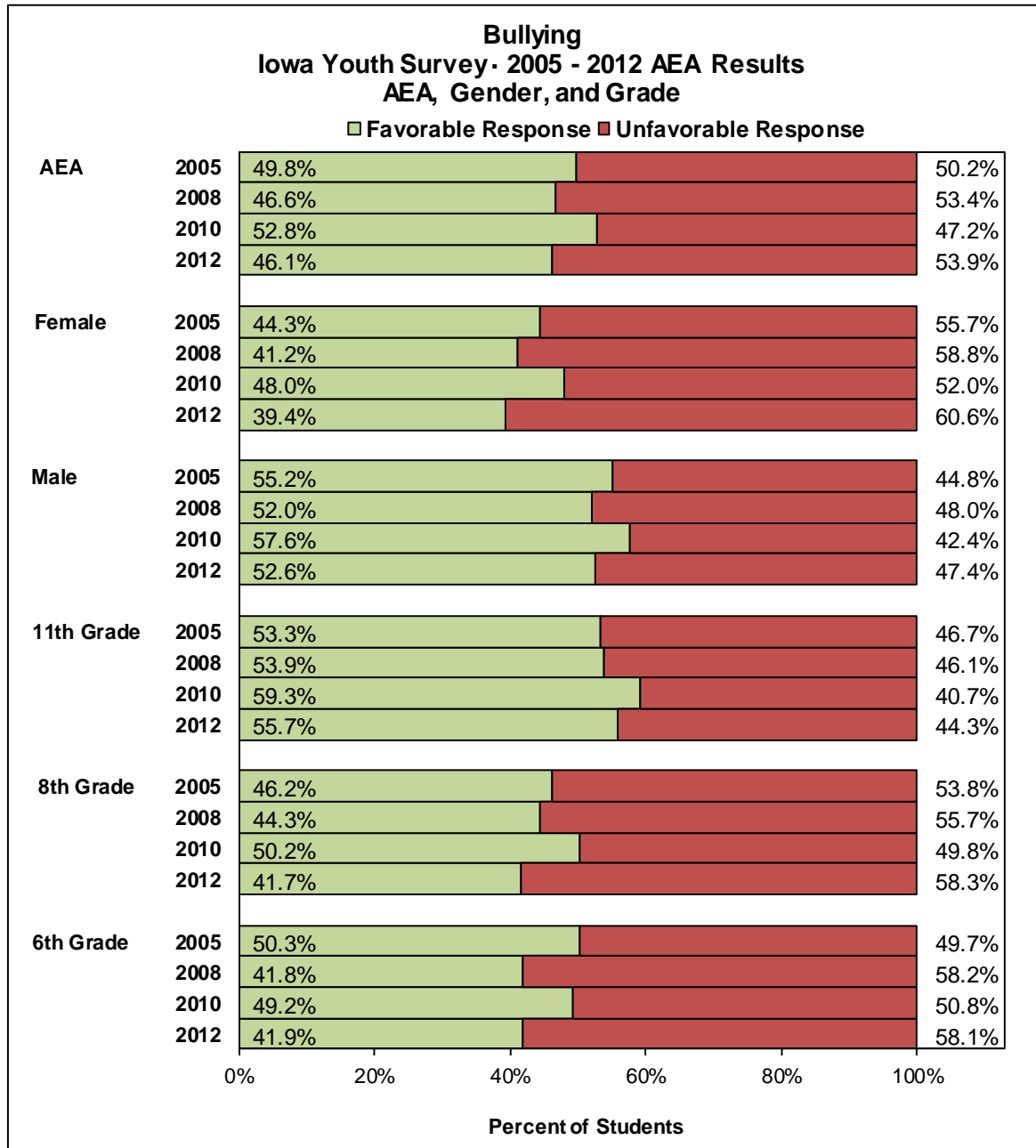


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Domain VII: Bullying

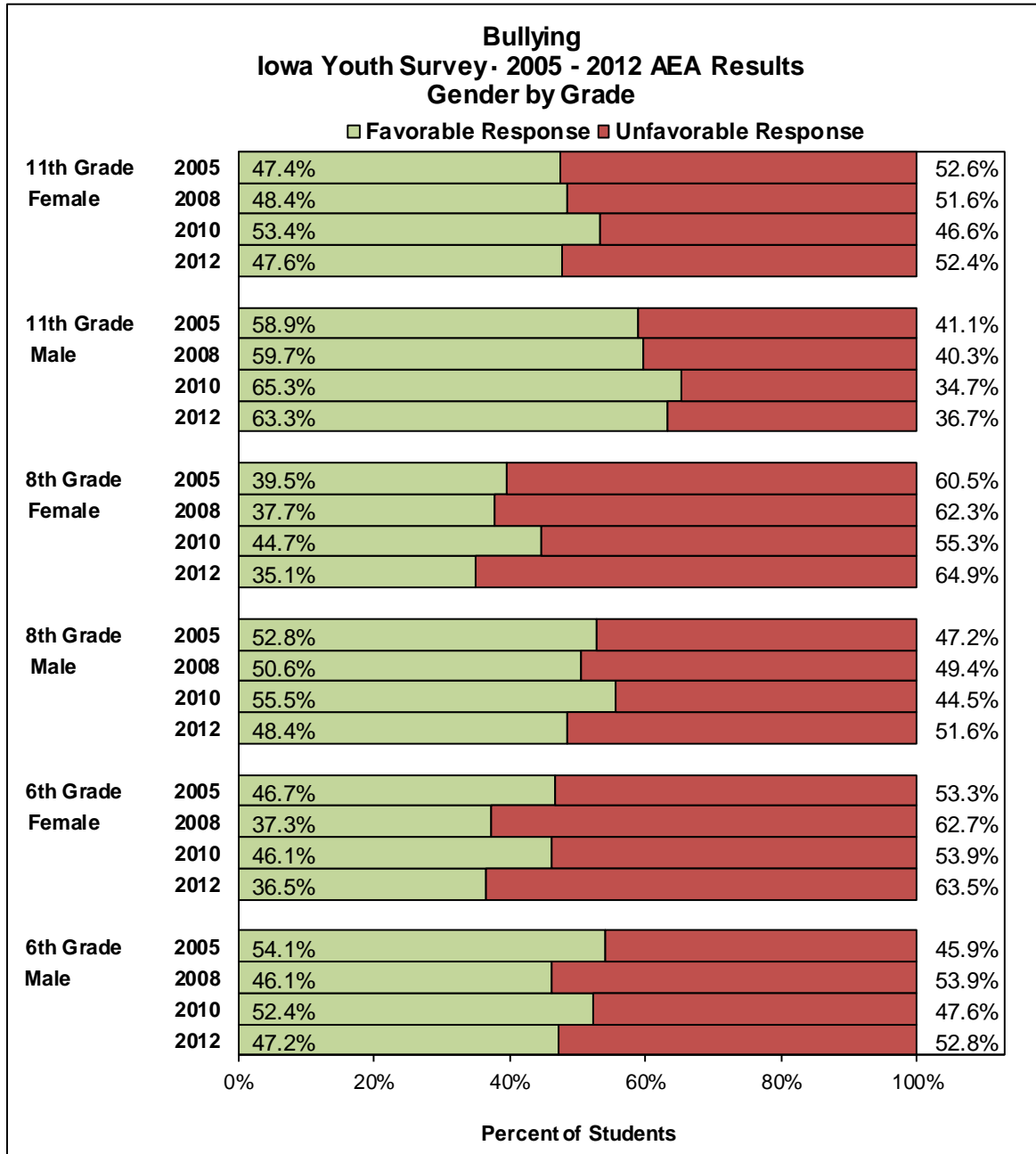
Due to question changes in the 2012 survey, one construct in this domain has been removed. The Do School Adults Stop Bullying construct was included in this domain in previous trend reports. The Bullying construct is the lone remaining construct in this domain.

Figure 22a. Bullying Construct: AEA, Gender, Grade



Eight IYS questions are utilized in this construct: In the last 30 days, how many times have you been bullied at school in the ways listed: I was called names, was made fun of, or teased in a hurtful way; other students left me out of things on purpose, excluded me from their group of friends, or completely ignored me; I was hit, kicked, pushed, shoved around, or locked indoors; other students told lies, spread false rumors about me, and tried to make others dislike me; I was made fun of because of my race or color; I was made fun of because of my religion; other students made sexual jokes, comments, or gestures that hurt my feelings; I have received a threatening or hurtful message from another student in an email, on a website, on a cell phone, from pager text messaging, in an internet chat room, or in instant messaging. *Response coding:* "0 times" is coded as favorable and any response indicating one or more times of being bullied is coded as unfavorable.

Figure 22b. Bullying Construct: Gender by Grade



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